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Will South Korea's failed attempt to put a satellite into orbit come with a diplomatic cost?

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South Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 takes off from the launch pad at the Naro Space Center in Goheung, south of Seoul, on Tuesday. South Korea launched its first rocket just months after rival North Korea's launch drew international anger, but space officials said the satellite it carried failed to enter its intended orbit and could not be traced after it separated from the rocket. The rocket was carrying a domestically built satellite aimed at observing the atmosphere and oceans.

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CIA probe could distract from Obama's bigger concerns, including health care

Analysis

BY CHRISTI PARSONS AND JULIAN BARNES
Tribune Newspapers

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, Mass. — In naming a special prosecutor to investigate the CIA's use of harsh interrogation tactics, the Obama administration has plunged into just the kind of controversy it wanted to avoid — a polarizing, backward-looking fight over issues far removed from the president's top priorities.

At a time when health care and other signature initiatives are in trouble on Capitol Hill and President Barack Obama's approval ratings are slipping, he now faces the prospect of a long, potentially distracting battle over policies and actions carried out under his predecessor, George W. Bush — policies Obama has already denounced.

And the furor is likely to be all the sharper and more distracting because it pits the most liberal elements of Obama's base against the most unyielding elements of the Republican right.

Press secretary Robert Gibbs sought to position Obama out of the line of fire on Monday.

"The president has said repeatedly that he wants to look forward, not back, and the president agrees with the attorney general that those who acted in good faith and within the scope of legal guidance should not be prosecuted," Gibbs said.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Previously, we were afraid of the Taliban. Now, we're afraid of the army."

— A resident of Mingora, Pakistan, where a multiple killings of suspected militants has cast suspicion on the actions of Pakistani security forces, though authorities deny involvement

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Wisdom of rushed care questioned

BY LARA JAKES
The Associated Press

CAMP BASTION, Afghanistan — The U.S. military is rethinking its "golden hour" goal for critically injured troops, questioning whether it should spend a little longer evacuating patients to get them to a better hospital.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates has been adamant that troops in Afghanistan, where the craggy terrain makes medical evacuations difficult, get help as quickly as those in Iraq. Wounded troops in Iraq generally are reached, stabilized and hospitalized within what medical providers call the "golden hour" — the time it generally takes to deliver care needed to save a person's life.

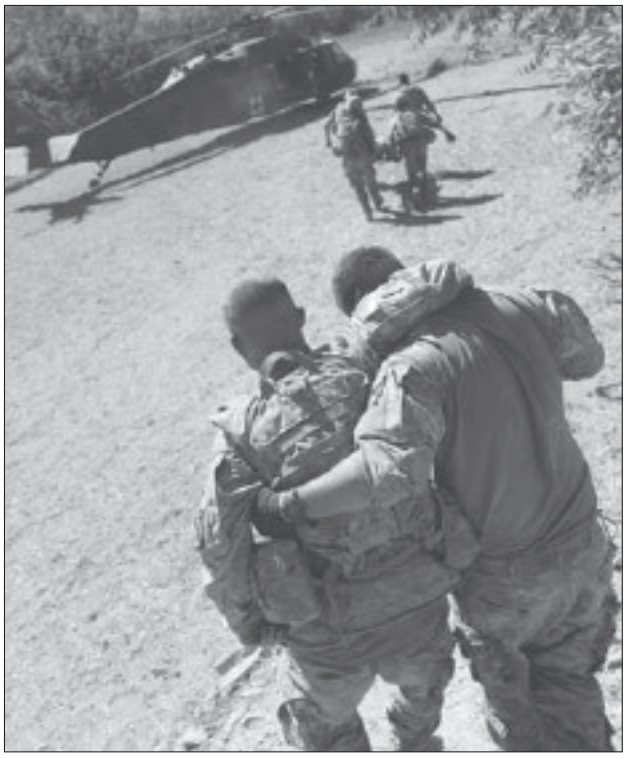
But at the base hospital located on what Afghans call the "desert of death," doctors Tuesday told Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Conway that it's better to make sure patients who are wounded in battle zones get the best care possible, rather than be taken to the closest medical facility.

"Seventy minutes to the right place is better than 50 minutes to the wrong place," said Navy Capt. Joseph Rappolo, a trauma surgeon.

Conway, in Afghanistan visiting troops, said he could agree — as long as emergency evacuation teams on the scene provide some care first.

The Bastion hospital treats about 200 patients each week. It has an operating room, an intensive care unit and a morgue, and is one of the few hospitals in Afghanistan that provides full treatment for the critically injured.

Its medical staff says they care for as many wounded Afghan civilians as they do troops. Troops are generally treated and released — or flown out of the war zone — within a day or two. The Afghan patients, however, have few other places to go for care,and wind up staying longer.



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Spc. Paul Pickett, 22, of Mendon, La., right, of the U.S. Army's 3rd Platoon Apache Company, 2nd Battalion 87th Infantry Regiment, part of the 3rd Combat Brigade 10th Mountain Division based out of Fort Drum, N.Y., helps evacuate a wounded soldier after their armored vehicle hit an improvised explosive device in the Tangi Valley of Afghanistan's Wardak province on Aug. 19.

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Capt. Joseph Rappolo
trauma surgeon

Among them Tuesday was Sakhai, a little boy who was idly playing with a pink balloon as he lay on his hospital bed. He did not know his age or last name. The stump of his bandaged right leg, its foot blown off, stretched out in front of him.

Through an interpreter, Sakhai said he'd been in the hospital for four days. Sakhai said he was hurt when a mortar exploded in front of him in his Helmand province village. His younger brother was killed in the blast. Helmand is a Taliban stronghold in Afghanistan.

Sakhai was asked if his leg hurt. No, he said, shaking his head solemnly. His parents had already gone home.

The Bastion hospital is run by U.S., Dutch and British staff — and receives more blood from donors than any medical facility in the United Kingdom, said British Staff Sgt. Darren Makin.

Given the golden hour debate, U.S. military commanders now are wondering if they should open additional high-care hospitals in southern Afghanistan, where troops might be pushing into in the future. Other military hospitals in Afghanistan, such as the one at Bagram Air Field outside Kabul, have top-of-the-line medical facilities. Most do not, however.

4 Americans killed in southern Afghanistan bombing

The Associated Press

KABUL — In the latest violence, a bomb blast killed four U.S. servicemembers in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, said military spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Christine Sidenstricker. No other information was released.

The deaths bring to 41 the number of U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan this month, the second deadliest month in the country since the 2001 U.S. invasion. Last month a record 44 U.S. troops died.

This year has been the deadliest of the war for U.S. troops. Including the latest deaths, at least 172 American forces have died in the Afghan war this year, according to an Associated Press count.

Last year 151 U.S. troops died. The number of overall NATO deaths this year is a record as well: at least 292. Last year 286 died, according to the AP count.

The U.S. has more than 60,000 troops in the country, many of whom helped secure last week's nationwide election.

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Karzai, top rival nearly tied in Afghan vote

By Rahim Faiez and Heidi Vogt
The Associated Press

KABUL — President Hamid Karzai and top challenger Abdullah Abdullah both have roughly 40 percent of the nationwide vote for president with 10 percent of polling stations counted, the Afghan election commission said Tuesday as it announced the first official returns.

If neither Karzai nor Abdullah gets more than 50 percent of the vote, the two will face each other in a runoff, likely in early October. The Independent Election Commission plans to release more results in the coming days, but final certified results of last week's election won't be ready until at least mid-September.

Low voter turnout and allegations of fraud have cast a pall over the election. Abdullah has accused Karzai of widespread vote rigging, including ballot stuffing and voter intimidation. Karzai's camp has leveled similar accusations. Both campaigns have denied the claims.

The Independent Election Commission announced that Karzai has 40.6 percent and Abdullah has 38.7 percent of the votes in the country's first official returns since millions of Afghans voted for president last Thursday.

But the returns come from only 22 of the country's 34 provinces and represent votes from just 10 percent of the country's polling stations.

Of the roughly 525,000 valid votes counted so far, the majority came from Kabul, nearby Parwan and Nangarhar provinces, Kunduz and Jawzjan provinces in the north and Ghor province to the west.

In the volatile south, less than 2 percent of Kandahar votes have been counted, and no votes in Helmand have been tallied, the commission said. Karzai would expect to do well in both provinces, suggesting his returns could go higher.

Both Karzai and Abdullah have claimed they were leading in early returns, but no official figures have backed those assertions.

The U.S. government urged candidates to wait for more complete results.

"We call on all parties to refrain from speculation until national results are announced," State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said.

Allegations of vote rigging mounted Tuesday. Abdullah for the first time showed marked ballots, pictures and video of alleged fraud. Meanwhile, six presidential candidates — none of them Abdullah or Karzai — warned that fraud threatens to undermine the election and could stoke violence.

The election commission said it had fired four election workers in northern Balkh province for attempted fraud. Photographs showed three trying to vote with multiple cards, while the fourth was ordering voters to cast ballots for a specific candidate, said Daoud Ali Najafi, the commission's chief electoral officer.

Rahmat Gul/AP

A worker carries a ballot box at an election commission office in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, on Tuesday. Roughly 525,000 votes have been counted.

Voter fraud allegations threaten U.S. strategy

By Robert H. Reid
The Associated Press

KABUL — Fraud allegations have cast doubt over the Afghan presidential election and threaten to undermine President Barack Obama's Afghan strategy, at a time when casualties are rising and the top U.S. military officer acknowledges the situation is deteriorating.

U.S. officials had hoped Thursday's balloting would bolster the legitimacy of the Afghan leadership, enabling it to confront the Taliban, combat corruption and accelerate Afghanistan's development — all key goals of the Obama administration.

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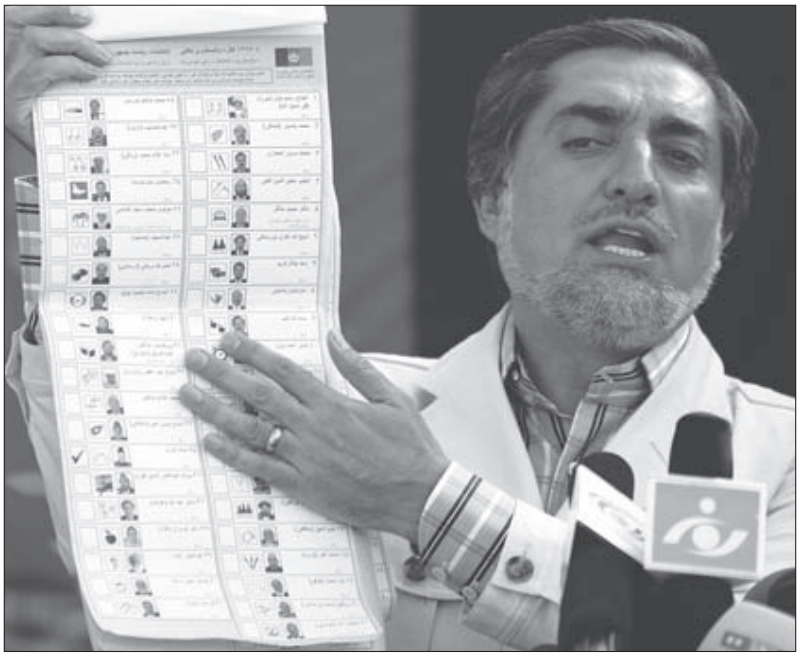
Instead, President Hamid Karzai's opponents are accusing him of massive fraud, including ballot-stuffing and voter intimidation. His chief rival, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, has ruled out a postelection alliance with Karzai should the incumbent ultimately win.

Election officials released preliminary returns from the vote on Tuesday, showing the two tied with 40 percent of the vote. The final result will not be known for weeks.

Both the Karzai and Abdullah campaigns had said preliminary reports suggested their candidate was ahead, raising concern that the release of partial figures could stoke tension and generate even more accusations of manipulation from the disappointed camp.

All that could lead to a protracted period of claims and counterclaims that could delay formation of a new administration and poison the political atmosphere at a time when the United States and its NATO partners are trying to bring together ethnic, political and social groups opposed to the Taliban in order to roll back the insurgency.

At the worst, the dispute could trigger clashes between rival camps similar to the wave of unrest that swept neighboring Iran after June's disputed presidential election.



Rafiq Maqbool/AP

Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah, President Hamid Karzai's top rival, displays ballots he says show fraud during a news conference in Kabul on Tuesday.

The fallout has been an embarrassment for U.S. and NATO officials, who were quick to declare the Afghan election a success even though the Taliban launched attacks in the southern provinces of Kandahar, Helmand and elsewhere. The upbeat comments were reminiscent of the Bush administration's misplaced praise for the January 2005 election in Iraq — which is now generally recognized as having widened the gulf between Iraq's religious groups and fueled the war.

"There's no doubt that there have been irregularities during the polling day," said Kai Eide, the United Nations' top official in Afghanistan.

"I appeal to the candidates and to their campaigns, and also to the voters, to demonstrate the patience and calm that is required."

With more fraud allegations surfacing, U.S. officials have toned down their comments and acknowledge it could take some time before the political future of Afghanistan becomes clear.

"We're really not going to know for several more weeks exactly where we do stand in this process," U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry said Sunday on CNN. "We're not sure exactly what the level of voter turnout was. Millions turned out to vote, but of course, Taliban intimidation, especially in southern Afghanistan, certainly limited those numbers. But for now, we don't know, and it's for us to wait and see and allow this process to move forward," he said.

Political turmoil in Kabul could not come at a worse time.

The top U.S. military officer, Adm. Mike Mullen, described the situation in Afghanistan as "serious and deteriorating."

"Afghanistan is very vulnerable in terms of Taliban and extremists taking over again, and I don't think that threat's going to go away," he said Sunday on CNN.

U.S. and NATO casualties are mounting. At least 41 U.S. servicemembers have died in Afghanistan this month — on track to surpass the July toll, which was the highest monthly total for American forces since the war began in 2001.

With Americans dying in greater numbers, the image of squabbling politicians in Kabul is likely to fuel opposition to the war in the United States.

5 blasts kill 41 in Kandahar

The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Five car bombs that detonated simultaneously rocked Afghanistan's largest southern city Tuesday, destroying a construction company office and damaging dozens of nearby buildings, officials said.

The force of the explosion shattered windows around the city and sent flames shooting into the sky.

Afghan officials said the blast appeared to target a Japanese construction company that mostly employs Pakistani engineers. The blast collapsed the company headquarters and destroyed part of a nearby wedding hall, an Associated Press reporter at the scene said.

The explosion killed at least 41 people and wounded 66, said Gen. Ghulam Ali Wahabat, a police commander in charge of southern Afghanistan.

So many houses and nearby buildings had collapsed that officials feared the death toll could rise further. The AP reporter at the scene estimated that 40 shops had been destroyed.

"Once again they've killed children, women, innocent Afghans. They are not human. They are animals," said deputy provincial police chief Mohammad Sher Shah.

Taliban death is confirmed

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan — After weeks of denials, two Pakistani Taliban commanders acknowledged Tuesday that the group's top leader, Baitullah Mehsud, was dead — claiming he died 18 days after a U.S. missile strike and disputing reports that the al-Qaida-linked movement he left behind was falling apart.

Pakistani officials have said the Taliban were in disarray after Mehsud was killed in a CIA missile strike earlier this month.

From The Associated Press

Convicted GI hospitalized, flown to D.C.

Soldier flown to Walter Reed; clearly 'suicidal,' father says

BY SETH ROBBINS
Stars and Stripes

A Special Forces soldier who was on the run for nearly two days following a court-martial conviction poisoned himself before surrendering to police, his father told Stars and Stripes on Tuesday.

Kelly A. Stewart — a sergeant first class at the time of his conviction last week on charges of kidnapping, forcible sodomy and aggravated sexual assault of a German woman in August 2008 — is now in intensive care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, according to his father, John.

Stewart, 36, fled early Thursday morning after being convicted the night before at his court-martial in Vilseck, Germany. He surrendered late Friday to military police in Stuttgart and was taken to the Army confinement facility at Coleman Barracks in Mannheim.

It was at the confinement facility where Stewart showed the first signs of illness, his father said in a telephone interview Tuesday morning.

Stewart

Stewart, a medic by training, may have injected himself with poison or swallowed pills while he was fleeing authorities, his father said.

He was taken to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center on Sunday and then flown to Walter Reed in Washington, D.C., on Monday afternoon, medical officials said. Patient privacy rules prevent medical officials from discussing patient treatment and conditions.

"He may or may not live," said John Stewart, who said he was heading to an airport to board a plane from Nebraska to be at his son's bedside. "He is in the [intensive care unit] and there appears to be some major organ damage, particularly to his kidneys."

The search for Stewart began Thursday morning in Vilseck after a soldier who was sharing an on-post hotel room with the convicted soldier said he awoke around 7:30 a.m. and found Stewart missing, along with his Class A uniform, wallet, two cell phones and a rental car.

While he was eluding the police, Stewart called his father.

"We talked for a few minutes," his father said.

In what John Stewart described as his son's "death bed statement," he declared that he was innocent of the charges.

"He told me that he loved me and that he was innocent," John Stewart said. "And to tell his kids that he was a good man."

Stewart has two children with his wife, who is also an Army medic, the father said.

John Stewart said that his son was distraught over the conviction and was clearly "suicidal."

"My daughter and wife had resigned ourselves that he was going to kill himself," John Stewart said.

The elder Stewart wondered why his son wasn't being guarded more closely following his conviction.

"I don't know how they could let him get away knowing that he was like that," he said.

Stewart was sentenced to eight years in prison, given a dishonorable discharge and reduced to the rank of E-1. During the court-martial, he was found not guilty of rape, abusive sexual contact and communicating a threat, charges that could have increased his sentence to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Prior to his conviction, Stewart, a highly decorated soldier who served tours in Iraq, Kosovo and Macedonia, had been training fellow Special Forces soldiers at the International Special Training Center in Pfullendorf, Germany.

"He has now lost his entire career," his father said. "He can't get any jobs. He's bankrupt. He's a sex offender. His life is totally ruined."

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Vets group: VA wrongly sent hundreds letter 'diagnosing' fatal ALS disease

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Former Air Force reservist Gale Reid received a letter from the Veterans Affairs Department that told her she had Lou Gehrig's disease, and she immediately put herself through a battery of painful, expensive tests. Five days later, the VA said its "diagnosis" was a mistake.

Letters were sent to 1,864 veterans about disability benefits for those with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and a "small number" have contacted the VA indicating they received the letters in error, VA spokeswoman Katie Roberts said Monday.

However, the National Gulf War Resource Center said Reid was among at least 1,200 veterans who received the letter, even though they hadn't been diagnosed with the illness. The center said at least 2,500 letters informing veterans of disability benefits for ALS sufferers were sent, with almost half a mistake.

Roberts said the number sent was not that high and that less than 10 people had called to say they had gotten an ALS benefits letter but didn't have the disease.

The veterans group president Jim Bunker said it stood by its figures.

No one knows for sure exactly how many letters were mailed to veterans treated at VA hospitals and how many were a mistake.

"VA is immediately reviewing the individual claims files for all the recipients of this letter to identify those who received the notification in error," the VA said in a statement Monday night.

Young Gitmo detainee released

RAFIQ MAQBOOL/AP

Former Guantanamo detainee Mohammed Jawad, right, is welcomed by family and friends in Kabul on Tuesday after his release from prison. Jawad, who was one of the youngest people held at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, was charged with wounding two U.S. soldiers and their interpreter but was released when a military judge ruled that his confession was coerced.

Specter questions VA on end-of-life advice

BY STEVE VOGEL
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa., called on the Department of Veterans Affairs on Monday to consider suspending its use of an end-of-life planning document that critics have dubbed the "death book for veterans."

"There is an issue as to whether the VA document inappropriately pressures disabled veterans who forgo critical care by subtly urging them on end-of-life decisions," Specter wrote in a letter requesting that the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee hold a hearing on the matter.

VA officials said that the document has been misrepresented by critics and that the decade-old publication, titled "Your Life, Your Choices," is an "educational resource" meant to help veterans direct in advance the medical care they want in the event they are incapacitated.

"Recently, some folks have been distorting the purpose of a Veterans Affairs planning tool called 'Your Life, Your Choices,'" VA spokeswoman Katie Roberts said. "The booklet is designed to help veterans deal with excruciating questions about what kind of health care they would like to receive if they are unable to make decisions for themselves."

The controversy stems from an opinion piece published last Tuesday in the Wall Street Journal.

Specter said in an interview Monday that he had not read the booklet but was disturbed by what he had gleaned thus far.

The document was developed under a federally funded research grant and published in 1997.

It is not an advance directive or living will, Roberts said. It has been restored to the VA Web site because it was produced with federal money, she said.

The document is being revised, according to VA officials.

Fight night set for Friday at Misawa

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — More than 20 military and civilian boxers will take to the ring this week for the first Friday Night Fight Night, at the Misawa Collocated Club.

The event, organized by amateur boxing champion 2nd Lt. Megan McDonough, is free and begins at 9 p.m. The fighters will be matched by skill level and weight, McDonough said.

Anyone interested in fighting in future events can contact McDonough at DSN 226-3090 or at megan.mcdonough.misawa.af.mil.

2 Misawa youth earn talent honors

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Two Misawa Air Base youth recently were honored in a worldwide Air Force talent contest.

Caterina Marques Klomp, 6, and Leila Masalihit, 7, both earned honors for their piano performances in the Air Force 2008 Family and Teen Talent Contest. The entries were submitted via videotape.

Caterina took first place with her rendition of "The Sound of Music," and Leila finished third with her performance of "Tender Moments."

COLA to increase in South Korea

SEOUL — U.S. military personnel in South Korea will see an increase in their cost-of-living allowance after the U.S. Forces Korea 2009 COLA survey showed prices in South Korea increased at a higher rate than U.S. prices, according to a news release.

A second survey, by the Department of Defense, resulted in an additional two-point jump in some locations.

The combined results of the surveys increased COLA eight points at Camp Humphreys, Osan, Daegu, Chinhae, Dongducheon and Uijeongbu. Seoul saw a four-point increase.

For example, a married E-5 living in Seoul with two children and 10 years of service will see an increase of about $65 per paycheck, starting Aug. 31.

More than 13,000 servicemembers stationed on the Korea peninsula took part in the survey.

For more information and to look up current COLA rates by locality, go to www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/ocform.html.

Vocational funds still available to GIs

The deadline to apply for the Army Vocational/Technical Soldier Program, or AVOTEC, is Sept. 25.

AVOTEC is a pilot program that pays up to $4,500 for soldiers to receive vocational training at a community college or trade school that leads to a certification or license. Applicants who are accepted must start a program by Sept. 30.

The program is open to active-duty soldiers, wounded servicemembers still serving on active duty and National Guard and reservists on extended duty for six months or longer. It is also open to officers. It does not require servicemembers to extend their service commitment to take advantage of the program.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the program can go to: www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/VOTEC_Program.html to select a program to enroll in and then go to www.goarmyed.com to apply.

From staff reports

Al-Qaida affiliate claims Iraq blasts at ministry

Iraqi government says Baathists are to blame, asks Syria to hand over suspects

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An al-Qaida front group claimed responsibility Tuesday for last week's suicide truck bombings that tore through government ministries in Baghdad, while Iraq recalled its ambassador from Syria and demanded that Damascus hand over two suspected Saddam Hussein loyalists it has linked to the attacks.

The Iraqi government has blamed an alliance between al-Qaida and former members of Saddam's ousted Baath Party and aired a televised confession of a suspected planner who claimed that two operatives in Syria had ordered the attacks.

One of the chief investigators of the Aug. 19 attacks, which killed more than 100 people, said the Iraqis believe the planner and the financier were Baathists based in Syria. One of the bombers was an al-Qaida operative and the other was a Baathist, he said.

The investigator, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information, said the al-Qaida statement claiming responsibility was probably an effort to divert attention from the Baathist link.

Such links are politically explosive, particularly before January elections in Iraq.

The question of what to do with Saddam-era officials in the civil service, army and police has been at the heart of the Sunni-Shiite divide since the overthrow of Saddam's Sunni-dominated regime in 2003 and has been a major hurdle to national reconciliation efforts.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the Iraqi ambassador to Syria has been recalled to Baghdad. He said the Iraqi government has demanded that Syria turn over two purported Iraqi Baathists identified as Mohammed Younis al-Ahmed and Satam Farhan, whom Iraq has linked to the attacks.

Syria, in turn, recalled its ambassador to Iraq. Its Foreign Ministry said that unless the Iraqi government provided evidence, Syria would consider the claims to be fabricated "for political goals."

The Cabinet also has asked that steps be taken to form an international criminal court to try war criminals who planned attacks against Iraqi civilians, al-Dabbagh said.

"The Iraqi Cabinet also demanded that the Syrian government push out all terrorist organizations using Syria as a base to launch terrorist operations against the Iraqis," al-Dabbagh said in a statement after a Cabinet meeting.

The bombings occurred a day after Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki met with Syrian President Bashar Assad and called on Damascus to hand over people suspected of Sunni insurgent links and to stop fighters from crossing the border into northern Iraq.

Al-Maliki has been eager to show the government has control of the investigation. He has come under heavy criticism for the bombings, which raised concern over how Iraqi security forces allowed the bombers to get close to key government institutions.

The attacks occurred less than two months after most U.S. forces pulled back from urban areas, turning over security in Baghdad and other cities to the Iraqis.

The Islamic State of Iraq, an umbrella group led by al-Qaida, said in an Internet statement that "with God's grace," their "sons launched a new blessed attack at the heart of wounded Baghdad."

It added that the attacks against the finance, foreign and defense ministries were meant to "wreck the bastions of infidelity" that belong to what it described as al-Maliki's pro-Iranian government.

The U.S. military has said the blasts bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida in Iraq, which is known for its massive vehicle bombings and suicide attacks.

The al-Qaida statement said it sought to kill government officials. The explosions "shook the earth under their feet and tore apart their hearts of fear and horror, proving to everyone the weakness of their government."

Al-Qaida signature attacks until now have mostly seemed designed to fuel sectarian tensions and push the country back to the Sunni-Shiite violence of 2006 and 2007 that nearly led to civil war.

Wednesday's bombings differed because they hit symbols of state authority and appeared aimed at having a far-reaching political impact, further undermining the government and casting more doubt on the ability of Iraqi security forces after the departure of U.S. forces from major cities on June 30.

KARIM KADIM/AP

Iraqi security forces on Monday stand amid rubble from a truck bomb outside the foreign ministry building in Baghdad on Aug. 19 that killed more than 100 people. An al-Qaida front group has claimed responsibility for the bombing.

ALEXANDRE MENEGHINI/AP

The body of alleged Taliban militant Zahoor Ullah, 30 — who was found in a dusty alleyway in Mingora, Swat Valley district, Pakistan — is seen on display Friday. In Pakistan, bloodied corpses turning up on the streets are suspected militants, and the killers are alleged to be security forces.

Pakistan security forces accused in recent Swat Valley militant killings

The Associated Press

MINGORA, Pakistan — Nearly three months after Pakistan retook the Swat Valley from the Taliban, bloodied corpses are still turning up on the streets. This time, the victims are suspected militants — and the killers are alleged to be security forces.

The army and the police deny the accusations, which the leading Pakistani human rights watchdog says are credible.

The killings are a sign of the troubles still facing the valley, even as U.S. officials cite the offensive — which is now winding down — as a success in Islamabad's campaign against al-Qaida and Taliban militants threatening both Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The bloodshed comes as many of the 2 million people who fled the fighting are now returning to rebuild their lives. Last week, two suicide blasts rocked the main town of Mingora in another deadly reminder of the threat the militants still pose.

The corpses began appearing several weeks ago, residents say. On Monday, 15 bodies were found in a town east of Mingora, local TV stations reported, although authorities would not confirm that. Another 18 were recovered from different parts of Swat on Aug. 15, authorities said.

The killings are a grim echo of Taliban rule over the valley, when militants dumped bodies of alleged spies or government collaborators on the streets to terrify people into submission.

"Previously, we were afraid of the Taliban. Now, we're afraid of the army," one man said, standing at the site where the bodies of two people — 35-year-old butcher Gohar Ullah and his younger brother Zahoor Ullah, 30 — were found last Friday.

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IN THE WORLD

Glue on toilet seat puts Aussie man in hospital

CAIRNS, Australia — An ambulance was called to help a 58-year-old man after he was found stuck by fast-acting adhesive glue to a toilet seat on Saturday in a busy shopping mall in Cairns.

Paramedics removed the seat from the toilet and took him to a hospital, where medical staff used industrial solvents to get it off.

"I'm disgusted that a gentlemen has had to go through that because someone thinks it's funny," Cairns local government official Di Forsyth said.

Red Cross, U.N. warn of conflict in Yemen

GENEVA — The United Nations and the Red Cross warned Tuesday about an escalating conflict in northern Yemen between government forces and Shiite rebels that has already driven 120,000 people from their homes and is spreading to other provinces.

Fighting has recently expanded to the province of Amran, the U.N. said. Most of the fighting has been in Saada province, where there are reports of no water and no electricity for the last 15 days.

The 5-year-old rebellion is led by Shiite fighters who say the government is corrupt and too closely allied with the West. The fighting has raised fears that increased lawlessness could provide cover for al-Qaida militants who have sought sanctuary in the impoverished nation on the southern tip of the Arabian peninsula

Bomb attack wounds 26 in southern Thailand

PATTANI, Thailand — Suspected Muslim insurgents detonated a car bomb outside a crowded open-air restaurant during lunchtime Wednesday, wounding 26 people, security officials said.

The restaurant in Narathiwat was packed with civil servants and civilians when the 110-pound bomb exploded, said army spokesman Col. Parinya Chaidilok.

He said the explosive was hidden in a pickup truck outside the restaurant and triggered by a mobile phone.

Aussie terror suspects accused of police plot

MELBOURNE, Australia — Alleged conspirators in a terror plot to attack an Australian army base hated non-Muslims and described their planned suicide mission as a "great, monstrous thing," a court heard Tuesday.

Phone calls between the men and with an Islamic cleric in Somalia that were intercepted by police show the suspects thought they could kill up to 10 soldiers in about 20 minutes before being killed themselves in the attack, according to police records presented to the court.

From The Associated Press

S. Korea launch a 'half success'

Report: N. Korea invites U.S. envoys for nuke talks

By Kwang-tae Kim
The Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korea's first rocket launch Tuesday failed to push a satellite into its orbit but the flawed mission may still anger rival North Korea, coming just months the communist nation's own launch drew international condemnation.

The failure dealt a blow to Seoul's quest to become a regional space power. It comes against the complex backdrop of relations on the Korean peninsula — and recent signs that months of heightened tension over the North's nuclear program may be easing.

Also Tuesday, a South Korean newspaper reported that North Korea has invited top envoys of President Barack Obama for the first nuclear negotiations between the two countries under his presidency, but Washington quickly said it has no plans to send the envoys to Pyongyang.

The North gave no immediate reaction to the rocket launch but has said it will watch to see if the U.S. and regional powers refer the matter to the U.N. Security Council — which in June approved sanctions on the North over its recent nuclear and missile tests.

The two-stage Naro rocket, whose first stage was designed by Russia, was South Korea's first launch of a rocket from its own territory. It lifted off Tuesday from South Korea's space center on Oenaro Island, about 300 miles south of Seoul.

The rocket was carrying a domestically built satellite aimed at observing the atmosphere and oceans. A South Korean official said they could not trace the satellite in orbit after it separated from the rocket.

"We could not locate our satellite. It seems that communications with the satellite scheduled on Wednesday are unlikely to happen," Science Ministry official Yum Ki-soo told The Associated Press late Tuesday.

He said South Korean and Russian scientists were analyzing data to try to determine the cause of the failure.

Russia's Interfax-AVN news agency, citing an unidentified Russian space industry source, said the satellite never reached orbit and problems occurred in the South Korean-built second stage of the rocket.

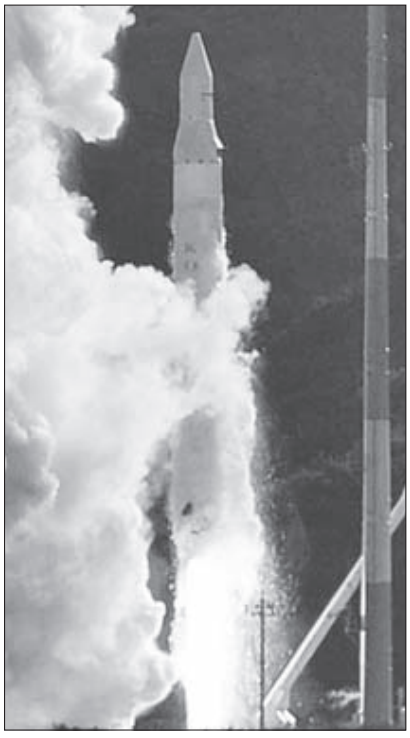
South Korean President Lee Myung-bak called the launch a "half success."

"We must further strive to realize the dream of becoming a space power," Lee said, according to his office. Among Asian countries, China has conducted a manned space flight, and Japan and India have also sent rockets carrying satellites into space.

The liftoff came after a warning from North Korea that it would be "watching closely" for the international response to Seoul's launch after its own launch in April — suspected as a disguised test of long-range missile technology — drew a rebuke from the United Nations.

The North, unlike the South, is banned from ballistic missile activity by Security Council.

But Kim Tae-woo, a senior analyst of the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, said that despite the North's stance, Tuesday's launch is unlikely to have major implications on inter-Korean relations.



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South Korea's first space rocket, Launch Vehicle-1, failed to reach orbit with a weather satellite after taking off Tuesday.

Athens wildfire put out; criticism begins

By Demetris Nellas
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — With a wildfire contained after raging for days near Athens, the Greek government faced a different kind of firestorm Tuesday as media lambasted its response to the blaze as inadequate.

Firefighters patrolled smoldering areas north and east of the capital Tuesday, guarding against flareups while assessing the damage.

At least 150 homes have burned down, officials said, while tens of thousands of acres of pine forest, olive grove, brush and farmland have been decimated. Experts warned it would take generations to replace the forests, and that many were burnt beyond the hope of natural regrowth.

It was the most destructive blaze in Greece since the 2007 wildfires that burned for more than two months, killed 76 people and destroyed 679,500 acres.

Greek volunteers were seen trying to beat back the flames with pine branches, buckets of water and limp garden hoses, while several local mayors were sharply critical of the help they received from the government.

Officials have not said how the fire was started Friday night.

The conservative government defended its effort in fighting the fire, which involved water-dropping aircraft from Italy, Cyprus and France. Government spokesman Evangelos Antonaros said Tuesday the effort had been "well-coordinated," but he did not comment on any specific criticisms.

Nikolas Giakoumidis/AP

A man stands amid the wreckage of his burnt home in the village of Stamata, Greece, on Tuesday. Authorities say a massive wildfire that ravaged forests north of Athens for four days has been contained, although firefighters are still on standby in case of flareups.

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IN THE STATES

Separate lessons drawn from CIA report

By R. Jeffrey Smith
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When an internal CIA report concluded in May 2004 that "unauthorized, improvised, inhumane and undocumented" interrogation methods had been used on suspected al-Qaida members, the predominant reaction within the Bush administration was not revulsion but frustration that the agency's efforts inside a network of secret prisons had not been more effective, former senior intelligence and White House officials recall.

Top officials in the Obama administration on Monday made clear that they read the report differently.

Despite CIA resistance, they released unflattering portions of it on the same day the attorney general authorized a prosecutor to decide whether CIA employees broke the law while undertaking or overseeing those interrogations.

They also wrested control of future interrogations of suspected senior al-Qaida members away from the CIA and handed it to an interagency group that will be housed at the FBI — whose agents had not only objected to the CIA's techniques but also refused to stay in the rooms where they were practiced.

In supporting harsh interrogation methods, officials in the Bush administration have said they were strongly influenced by pervasive fear and anxiety that another attack on the United States was imminent and that virtually any measure the Justice Department approved was seen as justified.

President Barack Obama and his aides, in contrast, have concluded that the benefits of the harsh interrogation program were unproven or slight, and that the costs to America's standing in the world exceed any potential gains.

Many of the Obama administration's top national security appointees are addressing the issues for the first time. They were not part of period of 2002 to 2004, when the CIA report said the interrogations were conducted.

CIA: Fervor over probe may engulf Obama's priorities

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"Ultimately, determinations about whether someone broke the law are made independently by the attorney general," the statement said.

But keeping the president above the fray may not be easy.

"Unfortunately, the pressure … to indict someone will be overwhelming," said Mark Lowenthal, a former senior CIA official. "But the problem is you have two simultaneous unappealing outcomes. Half the population will think it is a whitewash and the right people weren't indicted. And half the population will think it is a lynch mob."

Obama came into office hoping to put health care, energy and other major domestic policy issues at the top of his agenda. To keep the focus on those priorities, he sought to avoid delving into the perceived excesses of the Bush administration's prosecution of the war on terror — from the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuses to allegations of torture.

He signaled that intent early on by refusing to release photographs of CIA interrogations.

And administration officials insisted Monday the decision to launch a special prosecutor's investigation into CIA interrogation practices reflected a purely legal decision by Attorney General Eric Holder.

"He's doing what he thinks is right," a senior administration official said of Obama. "Chips will fall where they fall," the official said, declining to be named because he is not authorized to discuss the subject publicly.

Whatever the basis for the decision, the White House may be hard-pressed to hold a middle position on this issue.

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., quickly applauded the special prosecutor decision, but he signaled that left-leaning Democrats will not be easily satisfied.

"We cannot simply sweep these abuses under the rug," Feingold said. "The abuses that were officially sanctioned amounted to torture and those at the very top who authorized, ordered or sought to provide legal cover for them should be held accountable."

Critics were equally uncompromising in denouncing the investigation and possible prosecutions.

"We must remain mindful that we still are very much a nation at war with terrorists who spend every hour of their day planning how to hurt America and Americans. That's why reports that the Department of Justice has directed a special prosecutor to investigate the men and women tasked with keeping America safe is such a poor and misguided decision," said Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell.

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Obama nominates Fed's Bernanke to second term

BY PHILIP ELLIOTT
The Associated Press

OAK BLUFFS, Mass. — President Barack Obama announced Tuesday he wants to keep Ben Bernanke on as Fed chairman, saying he shepherded America through the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

"Ben approached a financial system on the verge of collapse with calm and wisdom; with bold action and out-of-the-box thinking that has helped put the brakes on our economic freefall," said Obama, with Bernanke standing by his side. "Almost none of the decisions he or any of us made have been easy."

Obama made the announcement while on vacation on the island of Martha's Vineyard off the coast of Massachusetts.

Bernanke, 55, is credited with turning the economy away from its deepest and longest recession since the 1930s. Now he faces the challenge of meeting White House expectations to chart the full economic recovery considered critical to Obama's legacy.

The announcement also came nearly concurrently with a piece of bad economic news. Obama interrupted his vacation to telegraph his decision just ahead of a White House report that gave more bleak assessments of the nation's deficit picture.

Figures released by the White House budget office on Monday foresee a cumulative $9 trillion deficit from 2010-2019, $2 trillion more than the administration estimated in May.

Moreover, the figures show the public debt doubling by 2019 and reaching three quarters the size of the entire national economy.

Also Monday, analysts with the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projected a cumulative $7 trillion deficit from 2010-2019, more in line with the administration's May estimate.

Bernanke's early tenure was as complicated as the crisis facing the banks he sought to save.

The Fed chairman's successful, although unconventional, strategy to move the economy away from recession, unlock frozen credit and stabilize spiraling financial markets depended in large part on creating radical and unprecedented lending programs.

But he's not without his detractors, and the Democratic chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, Connecticut's Chris Dodd, immediately warned of a thorough hearing before Bernanke would be confirmed for a second four-year term.

Announcing his decision to bypass prominent Democratic economic figures for the job, Obama had nothing but praise for Bernanke.

The president also put in a plug for his own administration's actions to stabilize the financial system, restructure the auto industry and approve $787 billion in stimulus spending.

Appearing in makeshift press workspace on the island, Bernanke said that if confirmed by the Senate, he'd work to provide "a strong foundation for growth and stability" in the economy.

STEVEN SENNE/AP

President Barack Obama listens Tuesday after announcing his intention to keep Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke on for a second term at a news conference in Oak Bluffs, Mass.

PHOTOS BY MARY ANN CHASTAIN/AP

Relatives of five men who stole $9.8 million from an armored car in 2007 listen to the judge's sentencing in Columbia, S.C., on Monday.

Judge gives no mercy to S.C. men who stole $9.8M from armored car

BY KATRINA A. GOGGINS
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Five young men who staged one of the largest armored car heists in U.S. history, then spent their loot on strippers, Mother's Day gifts and other luxuries were denied pleas for mercy Monday and ordered to spend at least 25 years in prison.

Calling the $9.8 million robbery an unjustifiable crime, South Carolina Judge Michelle Childs sentenced three of the men to at least 25 years each in prison for armed robbery, kidnapping, assault and battery, and conspiracy. A fourth man was sentenced to three years for conspiracy, and the judge refused to reduce 25-year sentences for two others convicted.

Jeremy McPhail, 21, of Society Hill, was sentenced to 25 years, and Dominic Lyde, 24, of Darlington, was sentenced to 28 years. Darryl Frierson, 23, was sentenced to 30 years, plus a consecutive five years.

The judge also denied a request to reduce 25-year sentences for Domonique Blakney, 21, and Kelby Blakney, 22, both of Darlington. One other man, 23-year-old Paul Whitaker, of Sumter, who initially cooperated with investigators, was sentenced to three years for conspiracy. All had pleaded guilty in the heist.

One of the men bowed his head for most of the hearing, while the others showed little emotion as each stepped forward to be given his sentence.

Many family members wept as the sentences were given to the men, four of whom were college students at the time of the holdup.

The crime was sloppy and the cover-up quickly discovered, the defense argued. The men didn't even bring enough garbage bags to haul away all the $18 million in the armored car, defense attorneys said. More than half of the stolen money remains missing.

Prosecutors had a different view. They said the Express Teller Services car was stopped at a gas station to refuel when two armed men overpowered a guard. The armored car was driven to a dirt road where two other men waited to unload the money.

"This isn't two guys that knocked over granddad's liquor store — there's a lot more to it than that," prosecutor Dan Goldberg said. "It was a well-thought out, calculated plan. Each person involved had their own role."

Darryl Frierson was sentenced to 30 years, plus a consecutive five-year sentence on Monday.

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For unmanned drones, the sky is not the limit

Flight researchers aim high for next generation of UAVs

BY MARK ABRAMSON
Stars and Stripes

An unmanned aerial vehicle that would dwarf the ones known as Predator and Reaper — and could keep an eye on an unsuspecting enemy for years, rather than hours — is under development by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

DARPA calls the aerial vehicle the Vulture, and major aviation players such as Lockheed Martin Corp. and Boeing Co. are working on the project, which researchers admit poses significant challenges.

What the Vulture's role would be and what type of payload it would carry have not been specified, but it obviously could be used for surveillance, intelligence and as a relay for communications, said DARPA spokeswoman Jan Walker.

Derek Bye, Lockheed's Vulture program manager, said he envisions the Vulture as a propeller-driven vehicle that looks like a flying wing spanning 200 to 500 feet with solar cells on top. The power could be stored in fuel cells.

The Vulture would probably fly at 60,000 feet and higher to stay above the weather, Bye said. The biggest issue would be operating it at higher latitudes in winter because of the sun's low angle, which would affect how the sunlight reaches the solar cells. The vehicle has to be able to fly at night and in bad weather, Walker said.

The Vulture must require no maintenance while it's airborne, and there is the question of how you power an unmanned aerial vehicle for years, Walker said.

Vulture is just one of the many projects that DARPA has on the drawing board. Most of the agency's ideas take about four years to develop, but the more advanced programs take longer, Walker said.

"This is like the Holy Grail of all airplanes," said Bye. "What we are looking at is long-term surveillance at a very low cost, and this is a fundamentally different approach."

The savings on maintenance would be one of the big advantages, Bye said.

> *"This is like the Holy Grail of all airplanes."*
> **Derek Bye**
> Lockheed Martin's Vulture program manager

DARPA officials compare the Vulture to a satellite, but say it would offer more flexibility because it would be easier to move.

"As for what that does, it moves us towards kind of a satellite paradigm," said Walker. "Even things like Global Hawk (UAVs) don't have an endurance that approaches years; [their endurance is] a matter of hours."

Vulture's development comes at a time when UAVs such as the Predator and Reaper are playing an increasing role in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. A recent Washington Post article quoted an Air Force source as saying the service was going to train more UAV pilots this year than fighter and bomber pilots.

But the Vulture is a completely different bird from what is flying in the war zones. And, according to experts, putting a weapon on something that stays in the air for five years wouldn't be practical.

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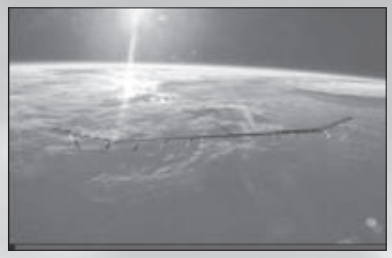

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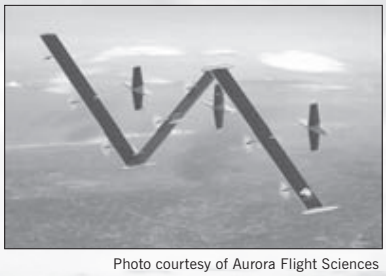

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DARPA developments

Apart from the Vulture, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is working on a smorgasbord of ideas that would make a Hollywood sci-fi movie maker salivate. They include:

✈ A plane that becomes a submarine to carry eight troops to an enemy's shores without detection. DARPA issued a solicitation outlining the submersible aircraft's requirements for any company interested in developing it.

DARPA wants it to be able to fly 1,000 nautical miles, operate like a boat on the surface for 200 nautical miles and maneuver like a submarine in shallow depths for 24 nautical miles. The agency sees this machine as a way to reduce the risks of landing troops. It would have to be able to float offshore for up to three days.

✈ Power Swim, a device that propels swimmers twice as fast through the water as swim fins. It mimics the motions made by a seabird to boost a swimmer's speed, range and endurance.

"Power Swim has been going on for some time. It has been tested with users in the water and we have been very pleased," said DARPA spokeswoman Jan Walker. "It is well under way certainly to the point where we have a working model."

✈ Fracture Putty, a substance to treat broken bones. It would create what DARPA dubs a "bone-like internal structure" that would degrade as the injured person's bone regenerates.

"The healing process is a very long process. We are trying to develop this material to provide support to the bones as they heal and allow the injured soldier to get back on his feet," Walker said.

✈ DARPA is funding research by the University of California at Berkeley to develop a cyborg beetle that would be controlled by electrodes. Such a beetle was flown by university researchers earlier this year.

✈ Disc Rotor, another aviation project in the early stages of development. The disc would be on top of aircraft and have retractable rotor blades enabling the aircraft to take off, hover and land like a chopper, but fly like an airplane without having to tilt its wings like a V-22 Osprey.

— Mark Abramson

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FACES

Oh no, LiLo!

Lohan's house is broken into

A publicist for Lindsay Lohan says the "Mean Girls" actress's home in the Hollywood Hills has been burglarized.

Spokeswoman Leslie Sloane-Zelnik says Lohan's home was broken into Sunday while the actress and her younger sister, Ali, were away. Sloane-Zelnik says many of Lohan's "personal belongings were taken without remorse."

Los Angeles police Officer Norma Eisenman has said authorities were investigating whether any items have been taken. Sloane-Zelnik says police have been given the security surveillance video from Lohan's home.

Paramount bumps 'Shutter Island'

Paramount Pictures has moved Martin Scorsese's "Shutter Island" from an October release date to February, which takes it out of awards consideration for this year.

Studio chairman Brad Grey said Friday that the scheduling change was a financial decision.

The thriller marks the latest pairing of Scorsese and star Leonardo DiCaprio, following "Gangs of New York," "The Aviator" and Scorsese's Oscar-winning "The Departed." It also stars Ben Kingsley, Patricia Clarkson, Jackie Earle Haley and Michelle Williams.

Based on a novel by "Mystic River" author Dennis Lehane, "Shutter Island" follows the investigation into the disappearance of murderess from a mental institution.

AP

Heidi Montag performed during the Miss Universe beauty pageant in Nassau, Bahamas.

Montag sings at pageant, dismisses critics

Heidi Montag jumped onstage in tight sequined pants and a matching bra Sunday at the Miss Universe pageant and gave her first live performance, singing "Body Language" from her debut album.

Fans cheered on the blonde star of MTV's "The Hills," although NBC, which broadcast the event in the Bahamas live, blocked out more than half of her performance as they introduced the 15 finalists.

"I think people don't know what to expect, and how can they? It's my first performance live and it's in front of a billion eyes. So I'm very excited to show everyone what I'm coming with," Montag said prior to her performance.

She stuck to simple dance moves, and some appeared a bit stilted.

— The Associated Press

Spike TV

"Surviving Disaster" features former Navy SEAL Cade Courtley, in the boat, as host.

Survival pro is almost shark bait

One survival expert nearly became shark bait, but he kept his cool for the cameras.

Former Navy SEAL Cade Courtley hosts "Surviving Disaster," a Spike TV series premiering in September that teaches viewers how to survive scary situations, such as a fire, earthquake or shark attack.

Courtley

The simulated scenarios are so realistic, Courtley almost became fish food while filming a shark encounter. He came face-to-face with a 15-foot tiger shark that rolled its eyes back — the classic sign of a shark that's ready to attack.

Courtley hit the shark on the nose with a PVC pipe he happened to be holding, and although he was scared stiff, he played it off so his camera crew wouldn't panic. However, he admits his swim from the water to the boat was "really fast."

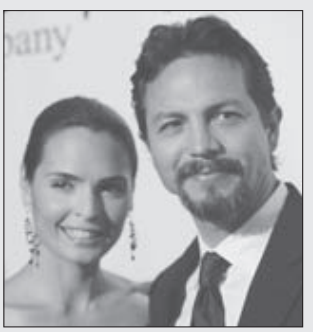
He says freaking out is the worst thing to do in a survival situation, so after that "holy [crap] moment" passes, think fast.

Online: www.spike.com/network/spike

— Wireless Flash

Out and about

From left, actresses Katie Cassidy, Laura Leighton, Ashlee Simpson-Wentz, Stephanie Jacobsen and Jessica Lucas arrive at the premiere party of the TV show "Melrose Place" on Saturday in Los Angeles. The show will debut in September on The CW network.



Actor Benjamin Bratt of "The Cleaner" and his wife, actress Talisa Soto, attended the 24th Annual Imagen Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Friday. Among the winners was America Ferrera, best actress for "Ugly Betty." For more visit www.imagen.org

TV host Nancy O'Dell puts wrestler Triple H in a headlock at the World Wrestling Entertainment SummerSlam kick off party benefiting Betty's Battle in Los Angeles on Friday. Betty's Battle was started by O'Dell, named after her mother, who passed away from ALS.

Rachael Ray speaks after receiving a helmet from firefighters from Engine Company 78 — Joe Trampas, left, and Sam Holloway — as Ben Cory from Event Creative looks on at right, at "Rachael's Big Block Party" outside Wrigley Field on Friday in Chicago. The block party will air on "The Rachael Ray Show" during her fourth-season premiere week.

AP photos

AP

Comedian and actor Mo Rocca has a new show on the Web.

Mo Rocca stays close to news

Of all the former "Daily Show" correspondents to move on, none has stayed as close to the news as Mo Rocca.

Rocca recently launched "The Tomorrow Show," a forward-looking Web series for CBS News that looks with humor and curiosity at future changes that may await us. New episodes debut on Mondays at www.cbsnews.com.

The 40-year-old satirist is known to many for his appearances as a "Daily Show" correspondent from 1998-2003. Since then, he's appeared as a frequent panelist on NPR's news trivia show "Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me!" and has been a regular contributor to CBS' "Sunday Morning." He's also been a contributor to CNN's "Larry King Live" and NBC's "Tonight Show."

"I don't want to live inside of news, but I think having a guesthouse on the grounds of news — somewhere in the back, with a garden, with a cabana, with a private driveway — all of that, I think, is pretty nice," Rocca says.

Later, he adds: "I wish I could improve on that metaphor."

Rocca grew up in Washington and considers himself a "news junkie." He has carved out a niche as a cultural commentator, marked by his quick wit and black frame glasses. He featured his ability to think on his feet on Broadway in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," in which he nightly improvised a section of the musical with audience members.

The first episode of "The Tomorrow Show" looked at the future of paper. Topics ahead, Rocca says, will include the future of dating ("yes, it involves robots"), candy ("it involves inhalable chocolate") and traffic.

In the videos — about 10 to 15 minutes long — Rocca first does field reporting and interviews, then sits down with a few guests in a studio interview.

Many former "Daily Show" correspondents, such as Steve Carrell and Rob Corddry, have remained primarily in comedy. Rocca recalls his time on the satirical show with fondness, but realizes he differs in one respect.

"We used to say it was kind of like standing outside the moat throwing rocks at the castle," recalls Rocca. "Well, I kind of like being inside the castle."

Rocca, who can name the capital of every country, adds: "I can't suppress it anymore: I love information and facts."

— The Associated Press

YOUR MONEY

DOD program gives some spouses 'portable' career

Nearly 200 become money management counselors

BY CLAUDIA BUCK
Scripps Howard News Service

Air Force wife Denise Fernandez wants to help high school and college-age kids of military families get financially savvy. Retiree Bart Aspling, whose wife recently deployed to Texas, hopes to offer financial counseling to families stressed by frequent military relocations.

The two are among nearly 200 U.S. military spouses who last week were awarded financial counseling fellowships aimed at arming more military families with money-management skills.

The two-year fellowships pay for training costs and require recipients to provide up to 1,000 hours of volunteer financial counseling. They also give military spouses a "portable" career, said Gerri Walsh, a vice president with the nonprofit FINRA Investor Education Foundation, which co-sponsors the program.

For spouses whose jobs are often upended by military moves, "It's a way to help increase their employability," said Walsh.

The four-year-old fellowship program also meets a demand for financial education in the military community, especially in this economy and amid deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

About two-thirds of U.S. military personnel have "more debt than they are comfortable with or have gone deeper into debt within the past year," according to a February poll by Kiplinger's magazine and the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

"When you're dealing with the military, having a debt isn't just a frustrating money issue for the family. It can be a security issue that can end your career," Walsh said, noting servicemembers can lose their security clearances for falling into serious debt.

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This year's 196 fellowship winners will spend up to two years taking online classes to earn an accredited "financial counselor" certificate, equipping them for jobs as money-management counselors at military credit unions, community centers and financial aid offices, as well as the private sector.

This year's class of fellowship recipients, chosen from about 2,000 applicants worldwide, comes from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, including 26 who live overseas with their military spouses.

Aspling is 68 and a state government retiree who worked various stints as chief of budgets, accounting and audits at the California Department of Education. He figures he has the time and background to offer financial counseling once he completes his training.

He may be doing so while commuting. Aspling's wife, an Air Force reservist, recently gave up a hospital administration job to become a medical claims specialist stationed at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

A former reservist himself, Aspling says, "I know [military life] puts a strain on family finances with frequent moves and relocations," especially when moving from low-cost states into markets like California.

Dealing with higher costs for housing, utilities, gas and groceries, he said, can stress military families in transition. And when personnel are deployed overseas, "the remaining spouse takes care of all the household expenses and may need help making those kind of decisions."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Aug. 25)	92.00
South Korean won (Aug. 25)	1,216.00
Euro costs (Aug. 25)	$1.4697
Dollar buys (Aug. 25)	€ 0.6804
British pound (Aug. 25)	$1.69
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	.3770
British pound	$1.6396
Canada (Dollar)	1.0773
China (Yuan)	6.8339
Denmark (Krone)	5.2110
Egypt (Pound)	5.5405
Euro	$1.4288/.6999
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7500
Hungary (Forint)	187.44
Israel (Shekel)	3.7950
Japan (Yen)	94.54
Kuwait (Dinar)	.2874
Norway (Krone)	6.0163
Philippines (Peso)	48.63
Poland (Zloty)	2.87
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4441
South Korea (Won)	1241.20
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0624
Thailand (Baht)	34.01
Turkey (New Lira)	1.4960

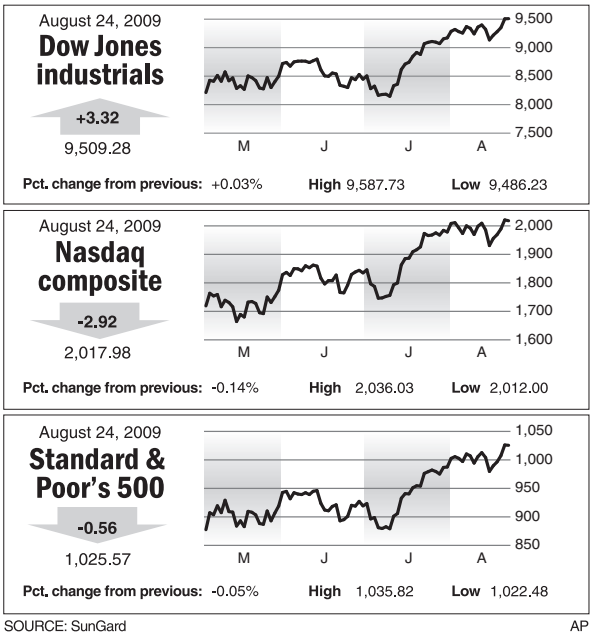
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.15
30-year bond	4.27

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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NELL REDMOND/AP

David Travis, store manager at Kmart in Conover, N.C., stands in a storage room with bags containing back-to-school supplies that customers have put on layaway.

Shoppers turn to layaway to pay for kids' school needs

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — To gauge consumers' strain, look no further than the rows and rows of plastic bags awaiting layaway payments at Kmart. They are filled with back-to-school basics — not just T-shirts and jeans but notebooks, magic markers and pencils.

A record number of shoppers, shut off from credit and short on cash, are relying on Kmart's layaway program to pay for all of their kids' school needs, said Tom Aiello, a spokesman for Kmart's parent Sears Holdings Corp. Layaway allows shoppers to pay over time, interest-free, and pick up their merchandise when it's paid in full.

"It's a sight. In the past, we would see layaway start to pick up around Halloween" as people get a jump start for Christmas, said David Travis, manager of a Kmart store in Conover, N.C.

Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corp. said its layaway business is stronger than a year ago. And e-Layaway.com, which offers online layaway services for about 1,000 merchants, has seen its business double from the same time last year. Customers are setting aside even $25 calculators and $30 backpacks.

Layaway has its roots in the Great Depression. It became passe over the past few decades with the rise of credit cards.

But the recession and financial crisis have caused banks to raise rates, pare credit limits and close accounts. For some consumers, layaway is the best option to budget for purchases.

Tracey Y. Chandler of Rocky Mount, N.C., started using layaway at the local Kmart last Christmas as the economy soured and again this past summer to furnish her 8-year-old daughter's bedroom.

Last weekend, she put aside $150 worth of back-to-school clothes at Sears stores.

"The job market is too unstable to take on additional debt," said Chandler. She and her husband both work as teachers' assistants, and she fears they could be casualties of budget cuts.

Sears Holdings brought back layaway to its namesake department stores last holiday season after a two-decade hiatus. This year, the company also is copying old-fashioned Christmas club bank accounts to help its Kmart and Sears customers save for gifts.

Competitors have been slow to follow, which may give stores like Sears who have them an edge.

Wal-Mart discontinued the practice in 2006, except for jewelry, citing rising costs and falling demand. TJX Cos., which offers layaway in some of its Marshalls and T.J. Maxx stores and nearly all of its A.J. Wright locations, declined to comment on its layaway business.

Melissa Garcia, who writes a popular blog called Consumerqueen.com, said more moms are asking stores to bring back layaway this season. "They just don't want to disappoint their kids," she said.

Michael Dart, a retail strategist for consulting firm Kurt Salmon Associates, says that for many Americans, their economic situation only worsened from last Christmas.

"Last holiday, shoppers were in shock" with worry from the financial meltdown. This year customers' problems are more concrete: job losses, reduced hours and reduced or unavailable credit. "This holiday, they're facing the reality."

TAIWAN MILITARY NEWS AGENCY/AP

Soldiers walk on a cliff as they survey the mountain in preparation for a new road Tuesday in Chiayi County, Taiwan. Taiwanese authorities scrambled to disinfect villages that were flooded in Typhoon Morakot.

Taiwan seeks to prevent epidemic

BY ANNIE HUANG
The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwanese authorities scrambled to disinfect villages Tuesday that were flooded in the worst typhoon to hit the island in 50 years after four soldiers helping with the cleanup were confirmed to have swine flu.

The soldiers developed fevers and nausea after working in villages in Pingtung county in the south, said Steve Kuo, head of the Center for Disease Control. They later tested positive for swine flu, he added. An additional 200 soldiers who worked closely with them were pulled out of the villages and placed under medical observation, TV stations reported.

Some 100 residents in a Pingtung village who had developed the same symptoms were found not to have swine flu, but appeared to have been infected by polluted water, health official Chang Hsin-che told CTI Cable News.

The village was among eight in Wandan Township flooded when Morakot struck Aug. 8-9. The storm triggered landslides and widespread flooding that trapped thousands of people in remote southern villages for days.

Taiwan's National Fire Agency said Typhoon Morakot left more than 670 people either dead or missing on the island.

"Mud and garbage have been cleaned, but we fear many pigs and other animals' bodies are still buried under the logs flowing down from Kaoping River from mountains upstream," said Hung Li-yun, a Wandan Town official.

Hung said authorities began spraying the area with disinfectants soon after the typhoon hit, and the effort has continued since then to prevent flood-related epidemics.

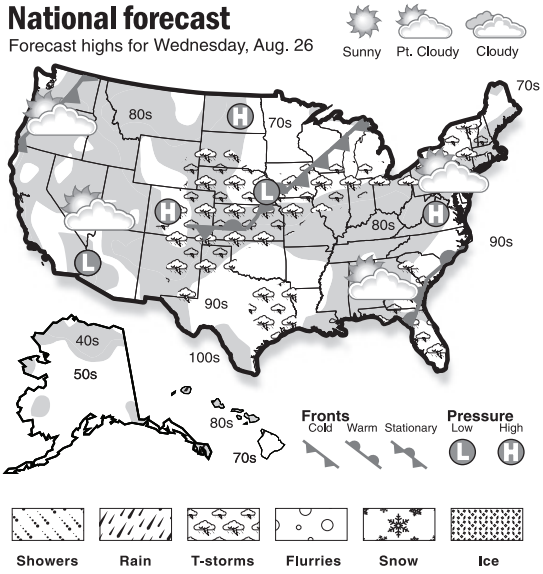
On Monday, Premier Liu Chao-hsiuan asked officials to increase efforts to prevent a large swine flu outbreak, especially at temporary shelters for the thousands whose homes were destroyed.

He advised soldiers and volunteers working in the disaster-hit areas to wear face masks. The Center for Disease Control said Tuesday a 6-year-old boy and a 44-year-old woman died of swine flu.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Aug. 26



Front Stretches Into Lower Great Lakes

Showers and storms will develop from areas of the Northeast to the Southern Plains as a front becomes stretched from the Lower Great Lakes through Texas. A wave along this front will generate stronger storms across the Mid-Mississippi Valley.

Weather Underground • AP

Tuesday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	La Paz	57	17	Clr
Amsterdam	80	58	Rain	Lima	67	59	Cldy
Athens	82	73	Clr	Lisbon	80	64	pc
Auckland	60	51	Rain	London	77	58	Clr
Baghdad	109	86	Clr	Madrid	93	64	Clr
Basra	121	90	Clr	Managua	93	75	Clr
Bahrain	104	93	Clr	Manila	90	79	Rain
Bangkok	88	76	Rain	Mecca	108	86	pc
Barbados	87	78	Rain	Melbourne	62	46	Rain
Barcelona	89	72	Clr	Mexico City	78	57	Rain
Beijing	80	69	Rain	Montevideo	60	40	Cldy
Beirut	89	77	Clr	Montreal	77	64	Rain
Belgrade	77	60	pc	Moscow	66	46	Rain
Berlin	77	50	Clr	Nairobi	70	54	Rain
Bermuda	86	79	pc	Nassau	91	80	Rain
Bogota	68	48	Rain	New Delhi	96	84	Clr
Brasilia	76	62	Rain	Nice	85	76	Clr
Brisbane	83	56	Clr	Osaka	89	69	Clr
Brussels	83	56	Rain	Oslo	66	49	Rain
Bucharest	84	56	Cldy	Panama	87	76	pc
Budapest	71	57	pc	Paris	82	62	Rain
Buenos Aires	62	50	Clr	Perth	65	48	Rain
Cairo	95	75	Clr	Prague	77	48	Clr
Calgary	72	42	Clr	Rio de Janeiro	73	66	Rain
Caracas	93	80	Clr	Rome	93	69	Clr
Colombo	86	77	Rain	San Jose	86	65	Rain
Copenhagen	73	64	pc	San Juan	90	80	Rain
Dhahran	116	89	Clr	San Salvador	87	69	Snow
Dhaka	86	76	Rain	Santiago	63	44	pc
Dili	91	65	Clr	Sao Paulo	68	58	Rain
Dubai	106	91	Clr	Sapporo	71	60	Rain
Dublin	63	48	pc	Seoul	86	68	pc
Frankfurt	86	54	Clr	Singapore	86	75	Rain
Geneva	91	57	Rain	Sofia	78	61	Rain
Guatemala	80	62	pc	Stockholm	69	48	pc
Hanoi	96	81	pc	Sydney	77	61	Rain
Harare	71	49	Clr	Taipei	100	82	Clr
Havana	89	71	Clr	Tegucigalpa	84	62	pc
Helsinki	69	49	pc	Tehran	96	68	Clr
Hong Kong	91	84	Rain	Tel Aviv	91	73	Clr
Islamabad	95	73	Clr	Tokyo	84	75	Rain
Istanbul	83	70	Clr	Turin	84	67	Rain
Jakarta	90	73	Clr	Toronto	72	59	pc
Jerusalem	91	73	Clr	Tunis	97	71	Clr
Johannesburg	67	39	pc	Valletta	86	73	Clr
Kabul	89	60	Clr	Vancouver	75	51	Clr
Kiev	73	55	pc	Vienna	76	55	Clr
Kuala Lumpur	90	74	Rain	Warsaw	72	49	Clr
Kuwait	114	91	Clr	Zurich	86	51	Clr

THURSDAY'S FORECAST

Air Force Weather/www.afweather.af.mil

Wednesday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	83	50	PCldy	Erie	77	63	Cldy	Jacksonville	89	72	Cldy	Montgomery	90	66	Clr	Richmond	94	69	Clr	Spokane	83	51	Clr
Abilene, Tex.	99	72	PCldy	Charleston, S.C.	90	71	PCldy	Eugene	88	45	Clr	Juneau	56	m	Rain	Nashville	91	67	PCldy	Roanoke	90	64	PCldy	Springfield, Ill.	84	63	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	84	61	PCldy	Charleston, W.Va.	84	63	PCldy	Evansville	88	60	PCldy	Kansas City	84	68	Cldy	New Orleans	90	72	PCldy	Rochester	74	66	Cldy	Springfield, Mo.	87	64	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	83	67	PCldy	Charlotte, N.C.	92	66	PCldy	Fairbanks	56	m	Rain	Key West	90	81	PCldy	New York City	92	70	PCldy	Rockford	77	63	Cldy	Syracuse	78	65	Cldy
Albuquerque	87	61	PCldy	Chattanooga	90	64	PCldy	Fargo	79	53	Clr	Knoxville	88	63	PCldy	Newark	92	70	PCldy	Sacramento	91	58	Clr	Tallahassee	90	67	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	90	62	PCldy	Cheyenne	78	52	Cldy	Flagstaff	79	46	Clr	Lake Charles	89	71	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	91	72	Clr	St Louis	89	66	PCldy	Tampa	92	76	PCldy
Amarillo	87	64	Cldy	Chicago	76	65	Cldy	Flint	78	62	Cldy	Lansing	78	63	Cldy	North Platte	79	57	Cldy	St Petersburg	89	79	PCldy	Toledo	83	62	Cldy
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Asheville	85	60	PCldy	Cleveland	82	63	Cldy	Fort Wayne	84	63	Cldy	Lexington	87	62	Clr	Omaha	77	65	Rain	Salem, Ore.	88	48	Clr	Tucson	100	73	Clr
Atlanta	89	68	PCldy	Colorado Springs	78	54	Cldy	Fresno	97	65	Clr	Lincoln	78	64	Cldy	Orlando	91	75	PCldy	Salt Lake City	89	60	Clr	Tulsa	93	73	PCldy
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Austin	101	73	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	91	70	PCldy	Grand Junction	88	57	PCldy	Los Angeles	86	65	Clr	Pendleton	86	51	Clr	San Antonio	99	74	PCldy	Waco	101	76	PCldy
Baltimore	91	67	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	87	63	PCldy	Grand Rapids	77	66	Cldy	Louisville	89	64	Clr	Peoria	81	64	Cldy	San Diego	81	68	PCldy	Washington, D.C.	92	71	PCldy
Baton Rouge	91	65	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	89	60	PCldy	Great Falls	87	54	Clr	Lubbock	96	68	PCldy	Philadelphia	92	69	PCldy	San Francisco	73	56	PCldy	W.Palm Beach	89	79	Cldy
Billings	91	57	PCldy	Corpus Christi	99	73	Clr	Green Bay	74	58	PCldy	Macon	90	69	PCldy	Phoenix	107	83	Clr	San Jose	83	57	Clr	Wichita	87	70	Cldy
Birmingham	90	66	Clr	Dallas-Ft Worth	99	75	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	93	67	PCldy	Madison	75	59	Cldy	Pittsburgh	83	61	PCldy	San Juan, P.R.	87	78	PCldy	Wichita Falls	101	75	Clr
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Boise	93	64	Clr	Daytona Beach	88	76	PCldy	Hartford Spgfld	89	65	PCldy	Memphis	90	68	PCldy	Portland, Maine	87	62	PCldy	St Ste Marie	68	56	Clr	Wilmington, Del.	92	68	PCldy
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Groups ready to help families

I would like to respond to "Little support for families" (letter, Aug. 24).

Let me take this opportunity to praise the community who does care for servicemembers and their families; it is us! It is the chaplains, the noncommissioned officers, commanders and leaders, self-help agencies, medical community and family readiness group volunteers. I have worked with many wonderful people who are ready to help military families succeed in life.

The writer does point out some challenges, and I could fill many more columns of challenges. However, the support and sustainment offerings run deep. Money issues constitute one of two main concerns the writer describes. Army Community Service has a financial readiness adviser prepared to walk a family through budgeting to prevent financial hardship in the first place; if the family is already there, the advisers will help the family get on the road to financial prosperity, on any budget.

Another issue the writer describes is suicide. We know this is a problem and the pressures on the force can be crushing. We are all enlisted to try to eradicate this epidemic. The resources are there!

I have been blessed to work with many volunteers who selflessly give hours and hours of time to help build resilient families, and I am proud to count myself an ally of those people.

I encourage everyone to get involved in whatever organization fits you. If you're feeling isolated or need a helping hand, reach out to one of these great organizations or resources: FRGs, Military Family Life counselors, ACS, www.militaryonesource.com, a chaplain, or a trusted friend.

The support waters run deep in the military, and we can help one another to the water. But you have to utilize the support. We cannot do it for you.

Eric Jones
Family Readiness Support Assistant
Kaiserslautern, Germany

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Health care vs. Constitution

To "small-minded Americans," I have a wife who suffers from arthritis and her treatments cost about $5,000 every eight weeks and my co-payment is $500 ("A lesson in health care," letter, Aug. 21).

My family finances would definitely be better off under nationalized health care, but I don't want "rich" Americans to subsidize any health care for me or others.

I could get into the political sides on this issue, but I want to deal with what I have seen. In the military, we have health care through military hospitals during our careers and retirement. At 65, we get switched to Medicare. I bet many soldiers did not know that. I found that out because my civilian boss was quite upset that after retirement from the Air Force, he had to enroll in Medicare at 65.

There are people who are complaining that U.S. health care is No. 37 in the world. Wow, I never thought anyone would travel to a country to get worse care, i.e. Canadians traveling to the U.S. to get specialized medical procedures that have very long wait times in Canada and England.

Has anyone brought up one of the reasons why health care is in disarray? It is because there are no restrictions on lawsuits.

Finally, nowhere in the Constitution is there a line stating that health care is a right. I see two political parties protecting their monetary hindquarters: Democrats protecting lawyers, Republicans protecting business. When are these two political parties going to protect the Constitution?

James Barber
Joint Base Balad, Iraq

'Free' health care isn't free

In response to "A lesson in health care" (letter, Aug. 21), I take objection to one of the points the author makes.

Referring to the treatment of his prematurely born son at a British hospital, the author commented that, "The final bill to us was *nothing*!" Unfortunately, many Americans share this view. As long as people don't have to pay anything directly to the hospital, then the procedure is "free" or "no cost to me."

What these people miss is that in a nationalized health care program, their tax dollars are being used to pay their doctors' fees, or worse, someone else's tax dollars are being used to pay their doctors' fees. This "no-cost-to-me" attitude is selfish because it *is* a cost to someone and, if you are the one receiving the treatment, you should be the one responsible for covering the cost. As far as I am concerned, the British can keep their second-rate, "no-cost-to-me" nationalized health care. I don't want any part of it.

Yes, I am currently enrolled in government-funded health care as a member of the military. However, by this time next year I will once again be a private citizen. As a private citizen, I will pay for private health insurance and that's the way I want it. I want it that way because I feel personally responsible to provide for my family. Sadly, this feeling of personal responsibility bestowed on me by my parents is lost on many Americans.

First Lt. Shane A. Bladen
Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan

'Actual innocence' gets its day in court

Los Angeles Times editorial

Whatever their views about capital punishment, most Americans probably assume that a convicted defendant will be released from prison if he can prove that he didn't commit the crime. In fact, the Supreme Court has stopped short of endorsing what lawyers call the "actual innocence" doctrine. But an unexpected order in a Georgia death penalty case may indicate that the justices are coming around to a common-sense view about the due process of law.

Last week, they ordered a federal court in Georgia to reconsider the case of death row inmate Troy Anthony Davis, convicted of murdering an off-duty police officer 18 years ago. Since then, seven prosecution witnesses have recanted their testimony, and dignitaries including former President Jimmy Carter, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Pope Benedict XVI have pleaded for clemency. …

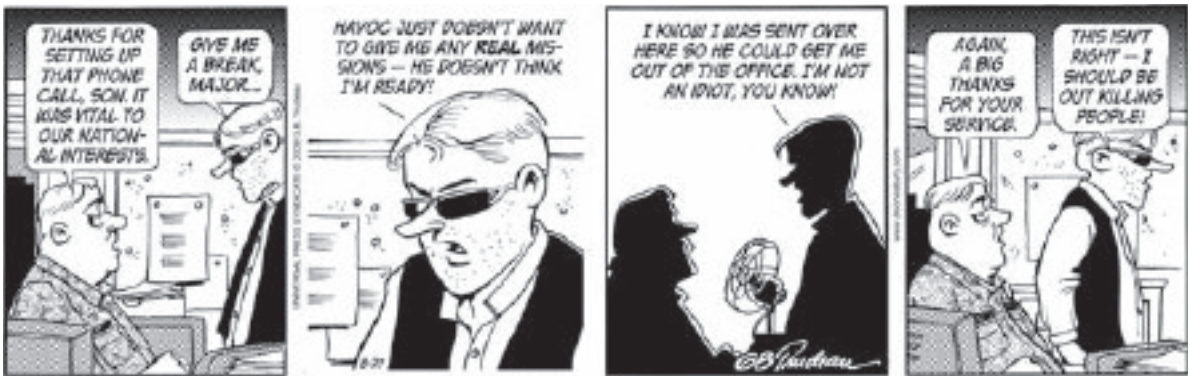
A new hearing for Davis is welcome as a matter of individual justice. … But the broader significance is that the court said a lower court should "receive testimony and make findings of fact as to whether evidence that could not have been obtained at the time of trial clearly establishes petitioner's innocence." …

As recently as October 2008, the justices declined, with no explanation, to hear an appeal by Davis. In June, the court refused to hold that a convicted defendant in an Alaska case had a right to a DNA test that might clear him. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. … cavalierly contended that a state's refusal to afford a prisoner DNA testing didn't offend "some principle of justice so rooted in the traditions and conscience of our people as to be ranked as fundamental."

It's hard to imagine a legal right more fundamental than the opportunity to prove one's innocence, especially when the alternative is execution. If the reprieve for Davis indicates the court's acceptance of that principle, he is not the only winner in this case.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Understand consequences of free speech

By Ryan Blethen
The Seattle Times

Words matter. Words are malleable and can be used to illuminate or obscure. Words can hurt. Because of the heaviness of words, newspaper journalists take seriously the power we wield through our publications.

Journalists spend an inordinate amount of time contemplating and discussing what to write and how to write it. This contemplating and discussing encompasses everything from topics, to word choice, to what is appropriate to be spun off the press.

Journalists have the right to write pointed critiques or damaging stories. This is never done lightly and must be backed up with fact. What we do can alter somebody's life for better or worse. Almost every professional journalist is careful not to abuse this right of free speech.

There is nothing wrong with pushing the limits of the First Amendment, but there is a line where free speech can go too far and real damage is done. Bloggers are writing past this line and finding themselves in trouble.

The common refrain from bloggers is that they have a right to say what they want, especially if it is their opinion. Whatever that opinion is, it needs to be grounded in fact. If it is not then the writer runs the risk of being sued for libel, which is a false statement that damages a person's reputation.

Lucy Dalglish, executive director of The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, said she is receiving more and more calls from bloggers.

"They don't seem to understand that if you are going to spout off, that spouting off has consequences," she said.

The average blogger doesn't have the same understanding as trained journalists do of the difference between fact and opinion and the use of "red flag words."

"As more citizens are out there blogging away many of them don't have a grasp of what the law is," Dalglish said.

In the past couple of weeks there have been some cases of bloggers getting into trouble. One involved an anonymous blogger in New York who allegedly wrote false and defamatory comments about Liskula Cohen, a model. Cohen sued, and a judge ordered Google — who hosted the blogger — to release the blogger's identity to Cohen and her attorney. Turns out the blogger was a woman who turned up in some of the same social settings as Cohen.

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Blogger and radio talk-show host Hal Turner — shown speaking to the crowd during his "Rally Against Violence" in Kingston, N.Y., in November 2005 — is facing charges in two states for allegedly making threats against three federal appellate judges.

No case is more bizarre than one originating out of New Jersey, which involves a blogger, Chicago judges and the FBI.

Hal Turner is an Internet radio host and blogger who wrote that three federal appellate judges in Chicago should be killed because of their ruling against the National Rifle Association's attempt to overturn a couple of handgun bans. Turner followed up by posting pictures of the judges and a map of the courthouse. He also pointed out where the truck-bomb barriers were around the courthouse. Writing that people should be killed isn't libel but it is dangerous to incite such violence.

Not surprisingly, Turner got a visit from the FBI and is now in jail awaiting trial. Wired reported last week that Turner claims he worked for the FBI between 2002 and 2007.

Oh, my. These kind of cases worry me as they do Dalglish because of the precedent they could set and congressional backlash they could create.

"It's not to say that people shouldn't be able to go out there and write on the Internet to their heart's content, but we have libel laws for a reason. Sometimes people get hurt," she said.

If bloggers don't learn to check themselves, and use a modicum of restraint, then not only will people get hurt but free speech could be irreparably damaged.

Ryan Blethen is a Seattle Times columnist.

Obama's invocation of God was right on the mark

By Jonah Goldberg
Los Angeles Times

The fight over health care took the most interesting turn last week. President Barack Obama briefly switched from wonkish frippery about bending cost curves to speaking of faith. Reaching out to progressive faith leaders in two massive conference calls, Obama insisted that God was on his side. Expanding health care fulfills a "core moral and ethical obligation that we look out for one another ... that I am my brother's keeper, my sister's keeper."

This would be an easy opportunity to call attention, once again, to the double standards applied to Obama. When President George W. Bush invoked God as his inspiration, many liberals lamented the shattering of the wall between church and state by our theocrat in chief. When Obama does likewise, it's inspiring, spiritual leadership.

But, frankly, I find it refreshing.

Of all the silly arguments that have been passed off as deeply profound in American politics, the notion that politicians can't "impose" their personal morality on others has to top the list.

We have abortion politics in general, and former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo in particular, to thank for that. In 1984, Cuomo gave his famous address at Notre Dame in which he laid out the notion that a politician can be "personally opposed" to abortion but should refuse to translate that conviction into public policy. As political rhetoric, the speech was compelling. As a serious philosophical, theological or moral argument, it was a terrible mess. For instance, Cuomo found inspiration in the Catholic Church's relative silence on American slavery as justification for keeping religion out of the abortion debate. Never mind that abolition was the most religious of political movements.

"It is a mark of contemporary liberalism's commitment to abortion," Ramesh Ponnuru writes in "The Party of Death," "that one of its leading lights should have been willing to support temporizing on slavery in order to defend it."

The main problem with Cuomo's sophistry is that, once watered down into political talking points, it's simply ludicrous.

In 2004, another Catholic Democrat captured the inherent contradictions of Cuomo-ism nicely in the third presidential debate. John Kerry insisted that his faith was "why I fight against poverty. That's why I fight to clean up the environment and protect this Earth. That's why I fight for equality and justice. All of those things come out of that fundamental teaching and belief of faith."

But he also repeatedly said that, when it came to abortion, "What is an article of faith for me is not something that I can legislate on somebody who doesn't share that article of faith."

The statements cannot be reconciled. By Kerry's own admission, he seeks to legislate his articles of faith on people on nearly every issue under the sun — except abortion. Suddenly, on that issue and that issue alone, he is adamantine in his libertarianism.

But in recent years, Democratic rhetoric has been changing, for several reasons. One, many voters are put off by such double-talk. Another reason is that many smart liberals have noticed that some religious Americans are more activist on economic and environmental issues but are turned off by what they perceive as pugnacious secularism.

During the presidential campaign, Hillary Rodham Clinton was very comfortable speaking the language of the social gospel movement, historically the religious wing of American progressivism.

But Obama was even better. Speaking during the campaign at an evangelical church in South Carolina, he said, "I am confident that we can create a kingdom right here on Earth." He supported Bush's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and kept the agency when he took over, albeit with a slight name change. He courted evangelical pastor Rick Warren. His social agenda, went a constant refrain, was deeply informed by the injunction that we "are our brother's keeper, our sister's keeper."

Leaving aside the fact that the Bible nowhere says we should be our brother's keeper (the phrase appears once — when Cain is trying to dodge a murder rap from God) or my own view that the government should never see itself as a keeper of anyone but incarcerated criminals (my dictionary says keepers are prison guards and zoo wardens), I think Obama's approach is a welcome change of pace.

Politics has always been a contest of values, and religion remains the chief source of those values. Our political discourse has long been cheapened by the canard that only conservatives try to use the state to impose a religiously informed moral vision, while liberals are guided by science, reason and logic as well as some secular conception of decency and compassion. No party has a monopoly on such resources, and it's about time we all recognized that.

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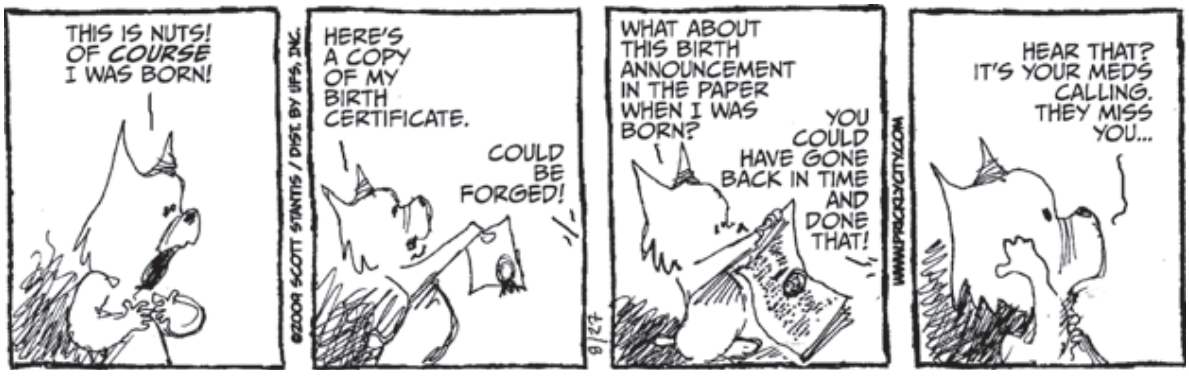
Prickly City

By Scott Stantis



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Slain man linked to victim in drive-by

TX ABILENE — The family of an Abilene man shot to death in Wichita Falls said he was like a father to a 4-year-old girl killed in an Abilene drive-by shooting in 2007.

Andrew Gonzalez was the common-law husband of the mother of Janie De La Paz, who was killed when bullets went through the family's house.

Taylor County District Attorney James Eidson said that he doesn't believe there's a connection between the slayings.

A Wichita Falls teen has been charged in Gonzalez's death.

Wind farm proposal stirring concerns

WY GLENROCK — The prospect of wind energy development in the northern Laramie Range is stirring debate among residents of the area.

A representative of Wasatch Wind of Heber City, Utah, said the company is in the early stages of studying the area for a possible wind farm.

Richard Grant Jr., a Glenrock-area rancher, said he welcomes the chance to get into wind energy. He said it would diversify his income and enable his family to continue ranching.

Grant said he's been in negotiations with Wasatch to lease his property for possible wind farm development.

On the other side is the Northern Laramie Range Alliance.

The group formed this spring to fight against a segment of a proposed transmission line that would cut across the range.

Green Bay hires first black police officer

WI GREEN BAY — Green Bay has a black police officer for the first time in the 152-year history of its Police Department.

Solomon Ayres recently started the first phase of a 17-week training regime. He says he expects some resistance from both black and white residents. But thinks his life experiences will help defuse difficult situations and make him open to different points of view.

Fran Jonet, president of Green Bay's Police and Fire Commission, says hiring a black recruit is a long-awaited step in the right direction.

Census figures show that African-Americans make up about 2.5 percent of Green Bay's more than 98,000 people.

Girl is hit, killed after getting off school bus

NC RALEIGH — A 6-year-old North Carolina girl has died after being hit by a sport utility vehicle driven by an 83-year-old woman.

Police in Raleigh say Ashley Ramos Hernand died when she was hit while crossing the street after getting off the bus from elementary school.

Geraldine Baron Deitz is charged with misdemeanor death by motor vehicle and passing a stopped school bus. A message left on an answering machine was not immediately returned.

A police report indicated that Deitz told police the school bus had not activated all its warning signals.

Hawaii sees boost in food stamp participation

HI HONOLULU — The number of Hawaii residents receiving food stamps has jumped by 25 percent as more people seek help amid a deep recession, according to new state figures.

More than 23,000 additional residents enrolled in the state's food stamp program over the nine-month period ending in June. That increase is by far the largest the state has seen in the program over the past five years.

It means that more than 120,000 people, roughly one in 11 Hawaii residents, were getting food stamps in June.

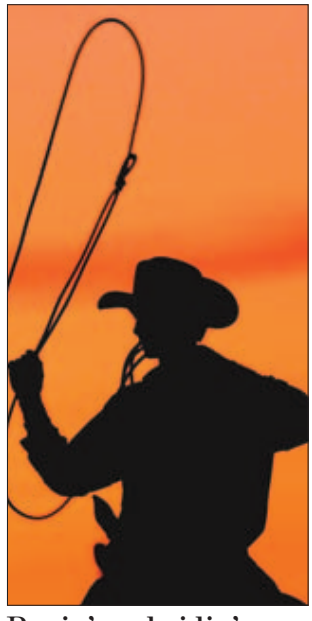
Opening statements to begin in gang rape trial

FL WEST PALM BEACH — Opening statements begin in the trial of two suspects accused in the 2007 rape and assault of a mother and her son in Florida.

Police say Nathan Walker, now 18, and Tommy Lee Poindexter, now 20, burst into the woman's West Palm Beach apartment with up to eight other teenagers.

The mother says she was gang-raped and sodomized as her 12-year-old son was beaten. The mother and son also were allegedly forced to perform sex acts on each other.

Both Walker and Poindexter have pleaded not guilty. They are being tried together, but their cases will be decided by separate juries.



Ropin' and ridin'

A cowboy practices before competing in the Bay County Sheriff's Rodeo in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Plane, 3 cars collide after freeway landing

CA SANTA BARBARA — A small airplane made an emergency landing into oncoming traffic on a coastal freeway and collided with three vehicles, but no one was injured, authorities said.

The Piper PA-24 Comanche with a pilot and his wife aboard was bound for Santa Barbara Airport when the pilot told air traffic controllers he had no fuel remaining and landed at about 10:30 a.m. on the southbound side of the freeway.

The pilot, Kris Sean Michel, told investigators he had tried to land with the flow of traffic but could not control the plane.

Research finds higher acidity in Alaska waters

AK ANCHORAGE — Erosion threatens to topple coastal Alaskan villages. Melting ice threatens polar bears. Now, a marine scientist says the state's marine waters are turning acidic from absorbing greenhouse gases faster than tropical waters, potentially endangering Alaska's $4.6 billion fishing industry.

The same things that make Alaska's marine waters among the most productive in the world — cold, shallow depths and abundant marine life — make them the most vulnerable to acidification, said Jeremy Mathis, a chemical oceanographer at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Vacant FEMA mobile homes leaving Galveston

TX GALVESTON — Vacant or never used mobile homes set up for emergency housing in Galveston months after Hurricane Ike are being removed.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said the last of 54 furnished homes were being trucked from a school district field.

FEMA in January, at the urging of Galveston leaders, leased the field for a temporary mobile home park for evacuees still in hotels because they had no other housing.

Longest-serving inmate in North Dakota paroled

ND BISMARCK — During the 40 years convicted murderer James LeRoy Iverson watched from his prison cell window, he saw a field transform from a nesting ground for geese to a Walmart Supercenter.

A week after being paroled as North Dakota's longest-serving inmate, the 70-year-old got his first look inside the Bismarck store.

"I'd never been to a WalMart before — they have oodles and oodles of stuff in there," Iverson said.

Iverson is among a growing number of senior parolees returning to communities nationwide. He is among the first wave of people sentenced under stricter criminal sanctions established 30 years ago are released.

The king is not dead

Brutus, an English Mastiff, shows off his Elvis outfit during the 10th Annual Elvis Fest at the Orange County Market Place in San Clemente, Calif. Brutus is a member of Therapy Dogs of Southern California and visits hospitals.

Copper top

A new copper roof glistens in the sun as an installation worker goes to retrieve another piece of copper in Maysville, Ky.

Give it all you've got

Grady Halverson, 6, of Boise, Idaho, participates in the city's Kids Pedal Tractor Pull during the Western Idaho Fair.

Taking it to go

A bald eagle snags a fish at Vandercook Lake, near Woodruff, Wis.

How'd that happen?

Roy Crouch looks at a crane after it feel on his Artesia, N.M., home. Crouch was attempting to install a new spa into his backyard, when the crane he was using fell on top of his home. No one was injured.

Police: Man accused of stealing ambulance

TX BRYAN — A driver who allegedly picked the wrong vehicle for a ride is facing charges after an ambulance was taken from outside a Bryan hospital.

Lawrence Eugene Reyes Jr. of Richards was in the Brazos County Jail on charges of public intoxication, several counts of theft and evading officers.

A jailer who declined to provide his name to The Associated Press had no details on an attorney for the 25-year-old Reyes.

Bail was $425 on the public intoxication charge. No bail had been set for the other charges.

WTAW Radio reports medics were inside the hospital tending to a patient when the ambulance was swiped.

Officers located the undamaged ambulance a few miles away. Reyes, who allegedly fled on foot, was arrested hours later.

Designer charged with torturing girlfriend's cats

NY NEW YORK — A self-employed graphic designer methodically killed at least four of his girlfriend's cats and tortured two others while the unsuspecting woman continued to adopt new ones over a four-month period, authorities said Friday.

Sean Lynde was arrested on charges including six counts of felony animal cruelty. He pleaded not guilty at state Supreme Court in Manhattan and was freed on $5,000 bond.

Lynde moved into his girlfriend's Upper West Side apartment on Oct. 1, authorities said. Three days later, her 15-year-old cat, Cleo, was found dead behind a dryer with her mouth full of laundry detergent and a broken jaw. Later, 12-year-old Zoe and four kittens, Willie, Betty, Bonafide and Emo, were found dead or injured in the couple's home.

Lynde will return to court at the end of September, his lawyer said.

Sleeping man ejected from back of truck dies

NM ROSWELL — New Mexico authorities say an 18-year-old Texas man was killed in a rollover accident in Roswell.

The victim has been identified as Renee Macias Herrera, of El Paso.

New Mexico Department of Public Safety officials say Herrera was sleeping in the back of the vehicle, was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected onto the roadway when the driver overcorrected about 7 a.m. on U.S. Highway 62/180.

Authorities say Herrera was pronounced dead at the scene.

DPS officials say three of the four other people in the vehicle, which was headed to Hobbs, N.M., were injured and were hospitalized in stable condition.

They say driver fatigue might have been a contributing factor in the accident.

After department review, officer returns to patrol

HI HONOLULU — A state enforcement officer is resuming his field patrol duties after he was cleared of allegations that include pointing a firearm at a child and forcing people to strip.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources said that the officer was exonerated in investigations by the attorney general's office and the land department.

The officer had been placed on administrative leave during the investigations, which found the complaints unsubstantiated or that the accusations were contradicted by records or people at the scene.

The department says nine complaints about the officer were received in November, but it appears the complaints were generated by people caught violating the law or who disagreed with state laws.

Bullet misses body armor, kills officer

FL TAMPA — Police in Florida say a decorated officer was gunned down in the line of duty by a man who was once a police officer in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Tampa Police Chief Steve Hogue says 38-year-old Cpl. Mike Roberts was shot after confronting a man seen pushing a shopping cart full of items along a city street.

The slug went through Roberts' right arm and into a part of his chest unprotected by his bulletproof vest.

Hogue says the suspected shooter is 34-year-old Humberto Delgado Jr., a Virgin Islands police officer from 1996 to 2000.

Delgado was being held and no attorney was listed. His cousin tells Bay News 9 that Delgado recently moved to the area and was living on the streets after moving out of his uncle's house. She says he has a history of mental illness.

Firefighters gain control of blazes in 3 counties

CA DAVENPORT — Firefighters have surrounded three wildfires that have been burning throughout California for weeks.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection says that a wildfire that consumed about 7,800 acres, or about 12 square miles, in Santa Cruz County was 100 percent contained.

Another blaze in Yuba County was surrounded after consuming 4,000 acres and two homes.

And officials in Santa Barbara County say a third fire that torched nearly 90,000 acres and burned for two weeks near Santa Maria has been declared fully contained.

The three fires drove thousands from their homes, but all evacuation orders had been called off earlier.

23-year-old shot, left on street identified

TX HOUSTON — A man who had been shot in the chest and left on a northwest Houston street has died.

Houston Police Department spokeswoman Jodi Silva said they don't know where the man, identified as 23-year-old Frank Bernard Smithers, was fatally injured.

Silva said witnesses reported seeing three people leaving the scene where the victim was found.

Investigators think they were connected.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Holiday Mathis

The Sagittarius moon issues an invitation to step foot in unfamiliar territory, experience the sights and sounds of a distant place and taste food from foreign lands. Even if all you do is to flip on the Travel Channel, you'll be lucky for the effort. It's also fortunate to read of pilgrimages to exotic lands, vision quests and grand adventures.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 27). Love and friendship will inspire you to hone your talents. In September, you will learn the best way to move your career forward. You'll be vital to another person's success in November, and in February, you'll be the recipient of similar mentorship. Travel is best in May and June. Scorpio and Gemini adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are many facets to a job you do and you'll be spending time on some of the lesser-explored areas of your work. If it's slow going at first, be patient. You'll be using a totally different part of your brain.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Doing well with the job at hand will lead to better work. This is true no matter what the job at hand may be. Even if no one is likely see your masterful efforts, they will still pave the way of good fortune.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you communicate too often or for too long, miscommunication is likely to be the result. Keep your message brief so that your listener will know what to focus on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Healing happens in a minute. Problems go away as if by magic. The answer is so simple, you won't believe that you missed it yesterday: acceptance. Suddenly, there is no longer a reason to be mad.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Whatever your age, you may get the sensation that you are growing up too fast. Stay pure and innocent for as long as you can. Protect yourself from things that make you think less of the world and the people in it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can tell when you're making a fantastic impression, and today you go beyond that. You could possibly have people falling for you, or feeling that they simply must have your business or your friendship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You identify with someone's struggle because you've been there before. However, it's important to recognize that this person will have his or her own way of dealing with the situation. Only give help if you are asked to do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you don't know what to do, do nothing. Fretting is worse than doing nothing and so is taking impulsive action out of fear. Your time is best spent making yourself happy. Answers come when you're relaxed and smiling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want others to succeed, even if those people have not wanted the same for you, or have unwittingly contributed in some way to your unhappiness. This is how you know you're a genuinely good person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your energy and intention are stronger than they were before and they're also probably stronger than the people around you right now. This is good for you since the prize goes to the one who wants it more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be appreciative of all of your teachers. As the poet Kahlil Gibran wrote, "I have learnt silence from the talkative, tolerant from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet, strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You find beauty all around you. Find it in the mirror, too. And if that seems too tall an order, do something about it until you can once again admire yourself for the gorgeous creature you are.

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Difficulty: Hard

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's solution

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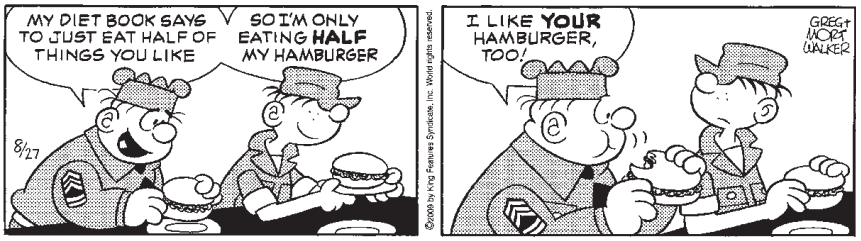
Beetle Bailey



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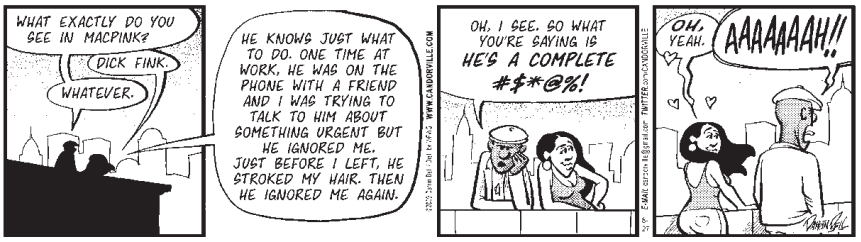

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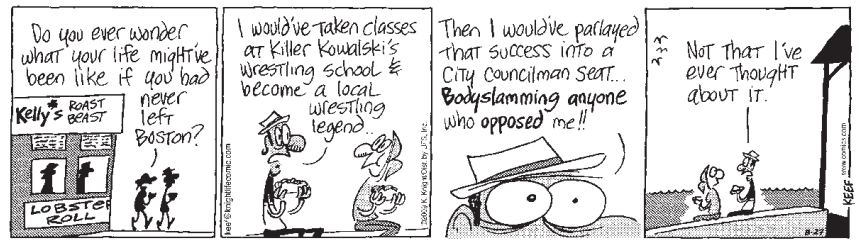

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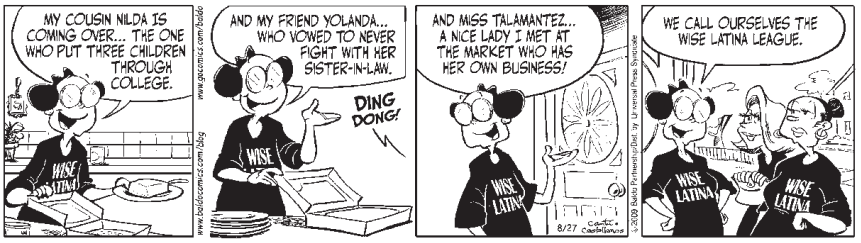

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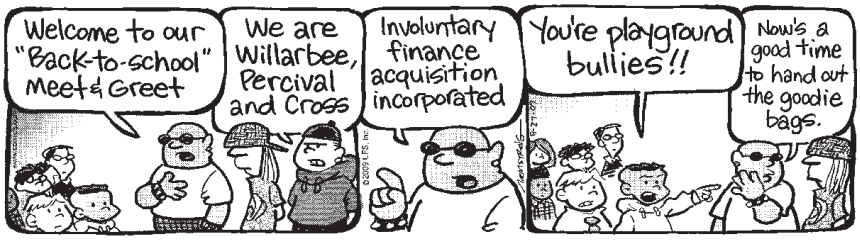

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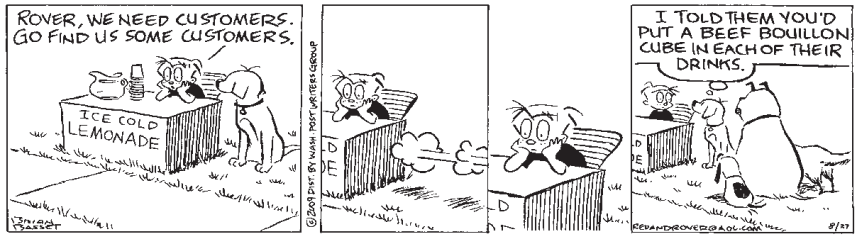

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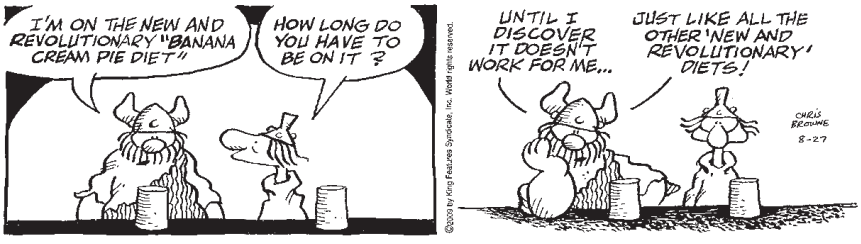

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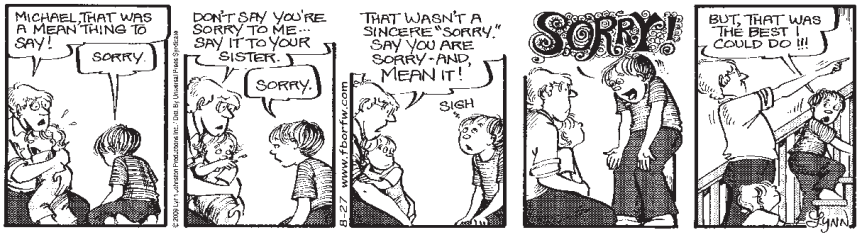

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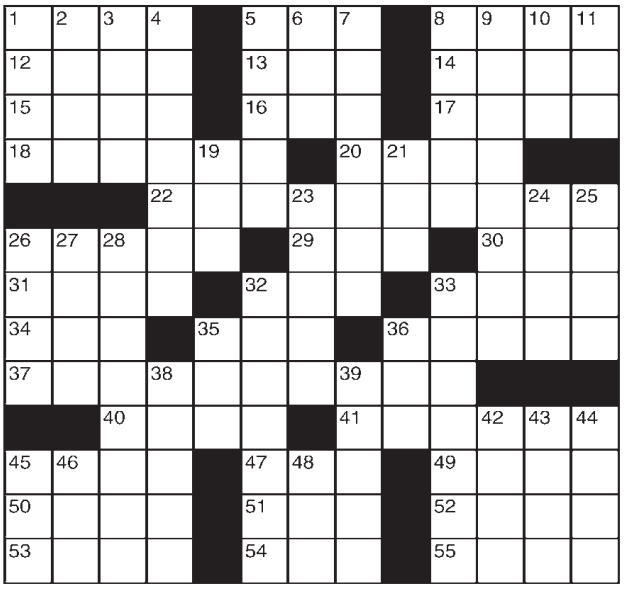

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1 Tobacco type
5 Possesses
8 Benedict XVI, e.g.
12 Places
13 Group of scenes
14 Acknowledge
15 Unoriginal one
16 Geese-in-flight formation
17 Rose or Townshend
18 Shrew
20 Go sightseeing
22 Accepts the truth
26 Make one
29 Speck
30 Feedbag morsel
31 Logical
32 Wrestling victory
33 Carvey or Delany
34 Citric drink
35 Pendulum site?
36 Brave
37 Office equipment
40 Chess piece
41 Gunman's missile
45 Connections
47 Egos' counterparts
49 Tiny bit
50 Drudgery
51 Poolroom stick
52 Wound cover
53 On the — (unfriendly)
54 Bart, to Homer
55 Throw

DOWN

1 Balkan native
2 Arizona tribe
3 Big name in desktop PCs
4 He can hold his head high
5 Destruction
6 Blackjack component
7 Cowboy hat
8 — New Guinea
9 Cold-weather gear
10 Cauldron
11 Ram's mate
19 Festive
21 Frequently
23 Archie's wife
24 Catches some rays
25 Remain
26 Mil. branch
27 Zilch
28 Unskilled
32 Eaters' outings
33 Swordplay specialist
35 Manhandle
36 Wildebeest
38 Mardi Gras "faces"
39 "Peer Gynt" playwright
42 Crazy
43 H H H, in Greece
44 Surveillance
45 Pair
46 Debtor's letters
48 Pair

Answer to Previous Puzzle

8-27 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A MORTICIAN WERE VERY BUSY, DO YOU RECKON HE WOULD HAVE TO BURY HIMSELF IN HIS WORK?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals B

Mom's correct on dorm issue

Dear Abby: I disagree with your advice to "Perplexed Mom in New York" (June 20), who is requiring her son to live at home his first semester of college because of "less than stellar" behavior in high school.

I am a college administrator in charge of dismissals. It is not that difficult to get a dorm room mid-year because there are dismissals, transfers and students who change their minds about their living arrangements.

If "Mom" warned her son that his high school conduct would have an impact on her decision to allow him to live on campus, she should stick to it. She should not let him bully her into giving him something he doesn't deserve. He needs to understand that his behavior cost him his dorm space. She made the right call.

I recommend spelling out in writing exactly what he will need to do to move on campus. He should be allowed to move only if he complies 100 percent.

College is a gift to be earned. There is no legal obligation for parents to pay for their child to attend. And when there is trouble, parents must act quickly and not attempt to block consequences their kids need to experience. It's all part of the learning process.

— Ann in Newark, Del.

Dear Ann: Thank you for lending your professional perspective. Responses to that letter poured in from educators, students and parents who "kindly" reminded me that times have changed since my college days. Read on:

Dear Abby: The cost of housing and food service at college can often equal or exceed the cost of tuition. Students who have the advantage of living close to campus can save a significant amount of money by living at home. To fully experience university life and meet new friends, they can become involved with the many campus organizations that are sponsored.

Higher education is very expensive, and students need to understand the costs. Any method to cut down on the expense, including living at home, should be discussed by parents and children. In today's work force, a college education is extremely valuable — and one can be obtained without breaking the bank.

— University Administrator in Colorado

Dear Abby: That young man should pony up some of his own money if he wants to live on campus, because then he will be more likely to appreciate the investment. I had a job all through high school and college. Paying my own way made it that much more satisfying.

— Michele in Wisconsin

Dear Abby

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NOJIT

LAGOW

CHUNQE

NORSEP

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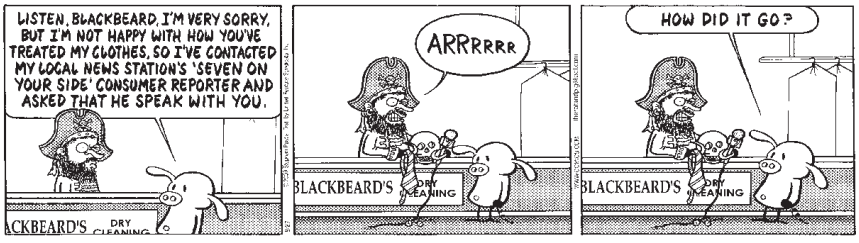
NEW Jumble iPhone App go to: www.bit.ly/15QkRq

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BARGE VOUCH MELODY FERVOR
Answer: Why he traded his hot dog stand for a push cart —NO OVER-HEAD

Pearls Before Swine



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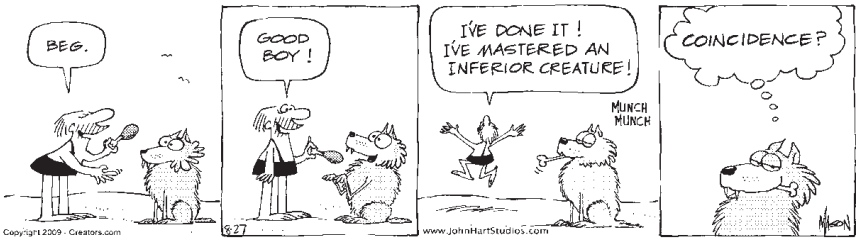
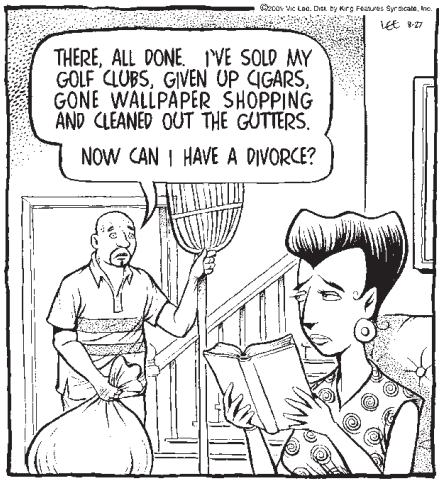


Over The Hedge

Speed Bump

Pardon My Planet



Non Sequitur

Strange Brew

AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(2:55) Movie "Batman Forever" (1995, Action) Val Kilmer, Tommy Lee Jones, Jim Carrey.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Landscape Smart	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30		The Brady Bunch				Battleground	Color Splash		
16:00	The View	Movie "Disney's Coyote Tales"		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	The American Veteran	Lost Worlds "Pirates of the Caribbean"	MLB Baseball New York Mets at Florida Marlins. From Land Shark Stadium in Miami. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30				Tavis Smiley		Recon Revisited			
17:00	Dr. Phil		At the Movies	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		SpongeBob SquarePants	Ent. Studios	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Punk'd
18:00	Judge Alex	Robot Boy	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Ft. Hood on Track	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "House of Flying Daggers" (2004) Takeshi Kaneshiro. Two lawmen hunt a powerful rebel leader.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	America's Got Talent Ten contestants perform.	Briefing Encore	Primetime: Crime	SportsCenter	UFC Unleashed
19:30	Judge Judy	Mucha Lucha				Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Hannah Montana		Today		Battleground	Wedding Day "Christina and Shawn"	Quick Pitch	WWE Monday Night Raw
20:30		Sonny With a Chance				Recon			
21:00	General Hospital	American Dreams "The One"	(:15) Movie "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo" (2005, Comedy) Rob Schneider, Eddie Griffin.	Today	Big Brother 11	Around the Services	Desperate Housewives	SportsCenter	
21:30						Pacific Report			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Baby Makes Five"		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Maestro"	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado Rockies. From Coors Field in Denver. (Taped)	SportsNation
22:30					The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Week-Pentagon	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "The Voice"	(10:50) Movie "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow.	Newsroom		Tour of Duty	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(10:50) Movie "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	EXchange on Air	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado Rockies.	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Mucha Lucha			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Punk'd Doug Robb; Ne-Yo.
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana	Movie "Rising Sun" (1993) Sean Connery, Wesley Snipes. Detectives investigate a murder at a Japanese corporation.	Happening Now		Today's Air Force	Starter Wife Molly's relationship with Sam hits a new level.	SportsCenter	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Sonny With a Chance			Judge Judy	Around the Services			Family Guy
2:00	America's Got Talent Ten contestants perform.	American Dreams "The One"		Newsroom	CSI: NY "Trapped"	Downrange	Ghost Whisperer Melinda struggles to help a ghost.	SportsCenter	UFC Unleashed
2:30						This Week in the Pentagon			
3:00		Beverly Hills, 90210 "Baby Makes Five"	(:10) Movie "House of Flying Daggers" (2004, Action) Takeshi Kaneshiro, Andy Lau, Zhang Ziyi. Two lawmen hunt a powerful rebel leader.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Psych Shawn disputes the death timeline for a body.	MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Kansas City Royals. From Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	WWE Monday Night Raw
3:30						State Dept Briefing			
4:00	Big Brother 11	7th Heaven Eric helps a custodian whose job is in jeopardy.		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Maestro"		
4:30						Around the Services	Friends		
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	All Hands TV	Kiana's Flex Appeal		SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House	(:25) Movie "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo" (2005) Rob Schneider, Eddie Griffin.		Headline News	Recon	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
6:00		Sesame Street		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	Essence of Emeril	NASCAR Now	Attack of the Show!
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman					Around the Services	Grill It! With Bobby Flay	College Football Live	
7:00		Peep-Big World	At the Movies	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	FitTV's Housecalls	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Max & Ruby	Entertainment Studios.com	NBC Nightly News		This Week in the Pentagon			
8:00		Go, Diego, Go!	What It Takes	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet		Sports
8:30	Judge Judy	The Backyardigans	Entertainment Tonight	CBS Evening News		Around the Services		NFL Live	
9:00	CSI: NY "Trapped"	Raggs	Movie "Family Plan" (2005, Comedy) Tori Spelling, Greg Germann, Jordan Bridges.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	FNG Useful benefits.	Mad About You (Part 2 of 2)	MLB Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers. From Miller Park in Milwaukee. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
9:30		Aladdin				State Dept Briefing	Living Single		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Bratz		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30		Animaniacs	(:45) Movie "3:10 to Yuma" (1957, Western) Van Heflin, Glenn Ford. A farmer must guard a robber until a train arrives.			AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Dr. Phil	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!		Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	The Grill Sergeants	E! News		Sports
11:30		Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!			The King of Queens	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "Turnabout Intruder"	SportsCenter	
12:30	ESPNews	SpongeBob SquarePants	(:35) Movie "Kiss the Girls" (1997) Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd. An escaped victim and a forensic expert trail a killer.		Judge Judy	Around the Services			
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Tutenstein		Campbell Brown	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Roseanne	Baseball Tonight	
13:30		Super Why!				Downrange	Girlfriends	NFL Live	
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Pinky Dinky Doo		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30	World News-Gibson	Hip Hop Harry	(:45) Movie "Jaws" (1975, Horror) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss. A man-eating shark terrorizes a New England resort town.			Balad and Beyond			
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch		The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design Star	SportsCenter	
15:30		The Brady Bunch				Battleground			
16:00	The View	Movie "High School Musical 2" (2007) Zac Efron, Vanessa Hudgens. A teen befriends members of a wealthy family.		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Lost Worlds Missile sites; nuclear facilities.	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30				Tavis Smiley		FNG Useful benefits.			
17:00	Dr. Phil		Natasha Richardson: The E! True Hollywood Story	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30				Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Punk'd
18:00	Judge Alex	Robot Boy	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	This Week in the Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	The American Veteran	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "Gridiron Gang" (2006, Drama) The Rock, Xzibit, Jade Yorker. A counselor turns juvenile criminals into football players.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	America's Got Talent	Briefing Encore	Project Runway "Finale Part II" Winner is announced.	SportsCenter	The Hills
19:30	Judge Judy	The X's				Fit For Duty			Busted
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Hannah Montana		Today	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Cooper Family"	Battleground	Grey's Anatomy "Beat Your Heart Out"	Quick Pitch	The Real World Ryan opens up.
20:30		Wizards of Waverly Place				Recon Revisited			
21:00	General Hospital	Made "Geek to Chic" Senior prom.		Today	House "Under My Skin"	Around the Services	Private Practice "Acceptance"	SportsCenter	A Double Shot at Love
21:30			(:20) Movie "The Big Bounce" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Owen Wilson, Morgan Freeman.			Pacific Report			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Cardio Funk"		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Wink"	MLB Baseball	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
22:30					The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Recon	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "All Dogs Go to Heaven"	Movie "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington.	Newsroom		Army Newswatch	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

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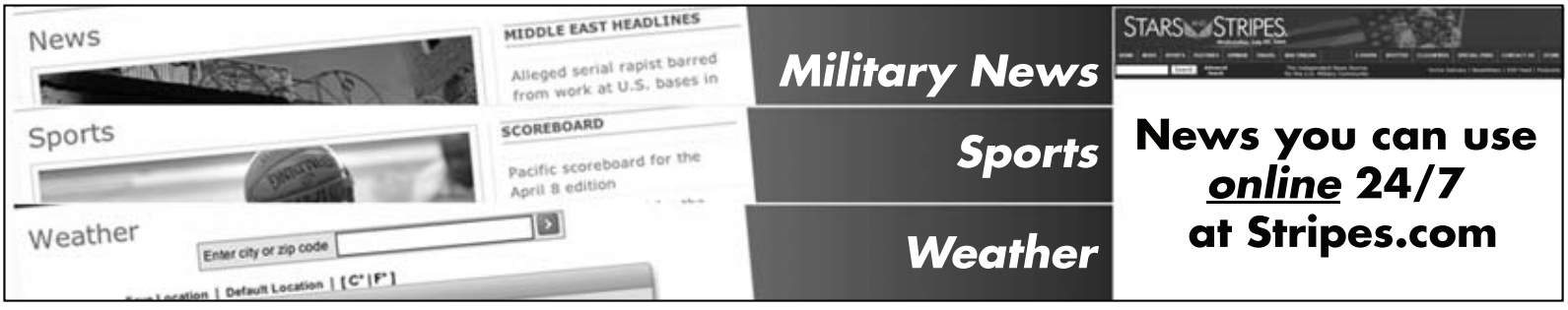
00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(11:00) Movie "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) MLB Baseball	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	The X's			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana	(:07) Movie "Groundhog Day" (1993) Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell, Chris Elliott. A TV weatherman's day keeps repeating.	Happening Now		The American Veteran	Burn Notice "Fight or Flight"	SportsCenter	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Wizards of Waverly Place			Judge Judy	Around the Services			Family Guy
2:00	America's Got Talent	Made "Geek to Chic" Senior prom.		Newsroom	CSI: NY "Wasted"	Downrange	America's Next Top Model	SportsCenter	The Hills
2:30						All Hands TV			Busted
3:00	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Cooper Family"	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Cardio Funk"	Movie "Gridiron Gang" (2006, Drama) The Rock, Xzibit, Jade Yorker. A counselor turns juvenile criminals into football players.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited	Medium "Second Opinion"	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at St. Louis Cardinals. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	The Real World Ryan opens up.
3:30						State Dept Briefing			
4:00	House "Under My Skin"	7th Heaven "All Dogs Go to Heaven"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Wink"		A Double Shot at Love
4:30						Around the Services	Friends		
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	The American Veteran	Kiana's Flex Appeal		SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
5:30	Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House	(:20) MovieThe Big Bounce		Headline News	This Week in the Pentagon	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		



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Atsugi - 2000 Cadillac Seville SLS 4.6L (4,565 cc) Northstar V-8 engine, 46,000 Miles, Power everything, Great family 4 door sedan lots of trunk space, cold ac. $5,000 call 08058695453 Paperwork good till 7/2010.

Atsugi - FOR SALE 1997 Honda Accord $1800 OBO. Power everything in good working condition. JCI 'til Apr '10; Base Inspection 'til Feb '10. Contact Kelly @ 080-6786-6900.

Misawa, Japan - 1997 Subaru Impreza - JCI good through Oct. 2010. A/C Heater, CD player 4 wheel drive asking $2000 OBO Please call 080-3178-1556 or email elaina.sellon@yahoo.com looking for a reliable inexpensive car then here you go a Dark Blue 4 door

Misawa, Japan - For Sale: Honda civic. JCI good until March 2011 and the 2009 road tax paid. Automatic transmission 6 disc CD changer Working A/c Asking $1500 OBO call 0176-52-7219 or email combo1982@hotmail.com

Yokosuka - 2006 Ford Explorer XLT 4wd, fully loaded, low miles, new tires, below blue book stateside model $1700.00 OBO Call John 09093343807

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Yokosuka - O4 Suzuki Every Joy Pop Van $3800.00 OBO call John 09093343807

Yokota, Japan - 1986 Sprinter Trueno AE86 with JCI for 2 full years and cold A/C 170,000 km TRD Exhaust HKS Intake TRD Suspension TRD 2way Diff NGK Ignition Wires NGK Plugs Cusco F/R Strut Bar Water Temp/ Oil Press. / Volt Gauges etc. only serious buyers make a reasonable offer all serious offers will be considered. Call 425-274-4379 or email dani_co3@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1990 Nissan Must Go! Red, great for off road, IPod USB hardwire (plug and play), Red, great for off road, IPod USB hardwire (plug and play), Kenwood remote control CD player, sunroof, recent tune up (replace spark plugs, oil change, air filter), has a few dings but overall a great car. JCI till April 2010. Asking $1100 but willing to negotiate. For sale now but we will need to use till Sept. 4. PCS'ng email pittman_five@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1990 Nissan Terrano - PCS'ing Must Go! Red, great for off road, IPod USB hardwire (plug and play), Kenwood remote control CD player, sunroof, recent tune up (replace spark plugs, oil change, air filter), has a few dings but overall a great car. JCI till April 2010. Asking $1100 but willing to negotiate. For sale now but we will need to use till Sept. 4. Please email pittman_five@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1994 Silver Nissan Primera My family will be PCS'ing soon and I am looking to sell my vehicle. This vehicle has a roomy trunk and easily seats 5 adults. Currently it has 110,000 km (rough estimate) which translates to about 70,000 miles. Very reliable vehicle and fits into tight spaces. Asking price $1200 for more information just call (313) 347-1026 or (080) 5650-1979 and ask for David.

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Toyota RAV 4, 4-wheel drive Excellent Vehicle! JCI good until December 2010 Tires replaced Dec 08 New Battery Mar 09 Brakes/pads oiled, etc Aug 09 Asking $3700 Aug 09 Call Dawn, Cell 090-9788-3296

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Honda Accord Gold, 4-door good family car. Great A/C and heater, 6-cd changer and in-dash navigation system runs great. Haven't had any problems with it. JCI until Feb. 2011 asking $2000 OBO PCS September 5th, so need to sell ASAP Please call 412-246-3000 or email ashley.smith@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Daihatsu Gino Cute, 1950's style, compact car! Dark purple & chrome, JCI until June 2010, 2 door, power windows & locks, great AC & heat, automatic, AM/FM stereo w/CD player, 75,438 miles, only takes $20 to fill tank! Bought last year & only put 500 miles on it. Easy to drive on small streets! Excellent condition! PCS'ing in 2 weeks-must sell! JCI until June 2010 Asking $2000 OBO Call 0805-414-5420

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Yokota, Japan - 2001 Honda saber type s (Acura type S) 260hp V-6 Engine HID Xenon Headlamps Fog Lamps Honda On-Board Touch screen Navigation Bluetooth Ready ETC Card Reader Tiptronic Shift Option Cream Leather Interior w/ Wood trim 6 Disc In-Dash CD Player Bose 5 Speaker Stereo System with Subwoofer power windows, Locks, Mirrors, Driver's Seat Keyless Entry, Keyless Trunk Opener Viper Alarm with Silence Option This car is very powerful and a lot of fun to drive! Asking $4200 OBO JCI until March 2011 Email phorty6daze@hotmail.com or ask for Mike at 763-354-3588. I am willing to negotiate a price with you.

Yokota, Japan - '93 Silver Toyota Celsior For Sale CD/MP3 player; 18 inch alloy rims; Replaced factory 8 inch subwoofer with 8 inch Kicker Competition sub and Kenwood Amp comes with stock rims and tires, JCI until Sep. 2010 asking $2800 OBO Call 210-881-4363 or email raphaeljr@hotmail.com for more info.

Yokota. Japan - 94' Nissan Largo (pictures coming soon), Navy Blue, seats 7, CD player, replaced tires during JCI, will get oil changed right before transfer. Available 10 Sept, must sell due to PCS. JCI until 15 July 2011 asking $2000 OBO Please call 214-261-6465 or email gpooky_99@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 95 Toyota Chasers, JCI till Jan 2010! Great car runs very well! New tires, Cold air condition automatic-Just over 100K. Clean interior-Great size for a family, plenty of room. JCI until 2001 asking $1500-PCSing soon, need to sell -Please contact via phone 080-5181-1883

Yokota, Japan - '96 Black Honda Odyssey for Sale! 2 yrs JCI until July 2011. Seats up to 7, Rear seats fold down for more hauling space, Japanese GPS; CD player with IPod connection. Asking $2800 OBO Contact us at DSN 224-0721 / 225-2907 for more info.

Yokota, Japan - 98 Toyota Aristo W/ 2 year JCI Navy/Deep Blue Leather interior Power Locks, windows, etc. Sunroof Power Locks, windows, etc. Sunroof New 18" Chrome Rims Heated Seats Spacious car Runs Good Road Tax Paid Small Scratch But I Will Cover The Cost Come Take A Look At it/ Test Drive If Interested please email me at spear_robert@yahoo.com or call @ 619 894 8034 or 080 412 18307 Bought the care for 5000 and bought rims for it But I Am selling it for a lot cheaper JCI until June 2011 asking $4500 Call 080-4121-8307 or email robert.spear@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - Toyota Lucida JCI due Mar 2011, asking $1800 1996 Luxury edition, is in great shape. JCI until March 2011 please call me at 090-9391-1877

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - Toyota Aristo 19" Wheels (New Tires) New Brakes Leather Seats CD Player 12in Sub w/ 400 watt amp Talking Alarm/w sensors 2 key remotes. Asking $3500 OBO Call 263-7369 / cell 080-6786-6693 or e_smalls@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Toyota Mark II Grande 1996 Nice and Clean No JCI $800 hurry will PCS soon. Call 080-3394-7695 Matt asking $800

Yokota, Japan - Truck 4 Sale! 1994 Nissan Terrano - PCS move. JCI expires Oct 2009 buyer renews, Asking price $1500. Option 2: JCI renewed by owner asking Price $2200 payment Options. Please Call 090-349-80860 or email maxine.howard@yokota.af.mil

Motorcycles 164

Sagami Depot - 2007 - Suzuki K7 GSX-1000R, Immaculate Condition, Metallic-Orange & Black, Limited color, 7000 km, Many Carbon Fiber parts, Garage kept, Glass Coating, Scorpio alarm 2-way pager, Power Commander, Jardine Moto-GP exhaust, F&R frame sliders, Plus much more. JCI, $9,800 Call, 090-8517-9568

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Harley Davidson Low Rider 1996 Harley-Davidson dyna low rider - FXDL only 7500 miles, stored under cover, Custom paint and well taken care of. Serious offers will be considered. Asking price $10,000 Please call 313 347-1005 or email digtab@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Honda CB 400 Beginners bike with low mileage. Blue - Good condition. JCI until August 2010 asking $1200 Please call 090-349-80860 or email maxine.howard@yokota.af.mil

Auto Parts 180

Sagami Depot - Nissan Cat Back Rear Exhaust Muffler, fits 2003 and up skyline, 350Z, G35, 350GT, etc; cat back exhaust, black with dual aluminum 4" exhaust tips; Superb sound, excellent condition, $100. Call: 090-8517-9568

Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - Brand new changing table only used for 3 months. Has storage space underneath changing area for diapers, wipes, clothes, or whatever. Asking $45 Please call 512-275-4844

Yokota, Japan - City Mini Stroller Rarely used. Very easy to use and place in your car. Asking $200 Call 954-676-4031 or email baldini3@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Johnny Jumper still in great condition and an all time favorite of my child. Asking $15 Please call 512-275-4844

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Yokota, Japan - Lansinoh Double Electric Breast Pump is an efficient, affordable electric pump designed for everyday long term use at home or away. The patented system prevents milk back up in the tubing and pump. Dual independent controls for speed and suction allow for personal settings to simulate your baby's nursing pattern. This pump was used twice while we were in the states. We paid $150, will sell for $125 OBO. Please call 404-478-4616

Yokota, Japan - Winnie the Pooh Days of Hunny Swing In great condition, Six-speeds provide variable -speed choices for baby's enjoyment, 15 classical and lullaby tunes soothe and entertain baby and entry tray flips open with one hand, Folds for storage. In great condition, Six-speeds provide variable speed choices for baby's enjoyment. Asking $45 Please call 512-275-4844

Bicycles 220

Yokota, Japan - 2009 Cannondale 613 road bike. Size is 52cm, K-wing carbon fiber bars, triple front crank, and excellent condition. (Buyer will need pedals) $700.00 firm Please contact Gary @ 214-261-6325 or 080-4059-2674 Email gaj222@ymail.com

Books 250

Yokota, Japan - Bio 101 - UMUC Basic Concepts in Biology 6th edition. By Cecile Starr Includes CD. Asking $20 Please call 080- 6673-1820

Yokota, Japan - Biology 101 Book Concepts and Applications 7th Edition Asking $40. Please call 090 1103 0885 or clintobrown@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Math 012, or 009 with solutions manual 6th edition please call 090 1103 0885 or email clintobrown@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Math 107 or 108 with solutions manual 3rd Edition Asking $40 Please call 090 1103 0885 or email clintobrown@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Need PSYC100A book ASAP (3rd Edition) Looking for Psychology: A Journey (3rd ED.) Please let me know ASAP. Price negotiable Please call 323-345-6970 Thanks!

Yokota, Japan - Project Management Fifth Edition Information Technology by Kathy Schwalbe. Asking $40 call Sean 080-3511-6553

Clothing 320

WANTED: worn out ACU's, DCU's, or BDU. I am a Army Reservist ID card holder. Prefer FREE, will pay small amount. Please MPS. For sewing project. Thank you! sy@cprompt.us 206-388-2947 VoIP stateside number.

Yokota, Japan - HUGE bag filled w/ girl clothes & shoes great way to save a lot of money my daughter has cleaned out her closets and has put together a huge, heavy bag of clothes and shoes she has outgrown. There are clothes for every season, including p.j's. Name brands: Limited Too, Levi's, Union Bay, vans, Nike, Adidas, and many more. Sizes for clothes range from 10/12, 12/14, some 14/16, Shoe sizes start at 6. This huge, heavy bag filled w/ great clothes and shoes is priced to sell now. For the whole bag, my daughter is asking $30. There are lot of nice clothes and shoes. Must go now please call Angela 916-473-4488

Computers 360

Yokota, Japan - 640 GB External Hard Drive Paid $100 for... please email with any questions. Asking $80 Please email gregg.matthew@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - computer monitor 16" monitor asking $30 Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - old school computer games aliens VS predator (gold edition) Ground control unreal tournament mech. warrior 3 Your don't know Jack (movies, TV) aliens VS predator2 urban chaos Project I'm going in (IGI) 10 bucks a game Asking $10 Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Red Apple Mac book items / IPod items absolutely nothing wrong w/ anything. We have to start downsizing now! Extra Apple Mac book "white color" battery only I kept the box it came in. Paid $130 asking $65 See-thru hard shell cover to protect a 13" Macbook. Was my sons/he changed colors/doesn't need this one. We paid $50. Asking $10 I kept orig. box--only used the cord other item never used-apple USB power adapter set. Asking $15 I luv dual docking station alarm clock set w/ remote. I have the box. Exc. Shape. $65 Contact 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Samsung 19" LCD Monitor & Swivel/Tilt Wall Gently used black 19" LCD monitor by Samsung. I'm including a Wall bracket that swivels & tilts, perfect match for the monitor. Have to sell because I don't have a desktop anymore. Asking $140 OBO Please call 080-4141-5252

Yokota, Japan - Sony Desktop Computer Great condition comes with everything you need now at a low price call for details!! Asking $800 OBO Please 1-901-273-9919 or email cmfrith28@yahoo.com

Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - 2 bar stools for sale! $45 we moved here and, unfortunately, no longer have room or a purpose for them. Please contact Terrence at 090-6301-4553. Asking $45 Please call 090-6301-4553

Yokota, Japan - Brand new in box! Flat Screen TV Stand Brand new that fits up to a 40in Flat Screen TV! 3 layer shelves, nice glossy black color with black glass shelves. Must sell because I upgraded my TV and it will not fit! Asking $200 OBO Please free to call or email. 080-3703-3938 or christopher.sanchez@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - Entertainment Center & 25in TV Older Entertainment Center Great Condition Must coordinate Delivery! FREE, FREEE Please call 08050923152

Yokota, Japan - IKEA coffee table for sale! $40.we moved here and no longer room for it. Original price was $135. Please call 090-6301-4553

Yokota, Japan - Rosewood Corner Bar w/ 2 Stools from Eastwood Trading Company, Dragon Design. 2 stools and pull out bar. Asking $1500 Please email lily_481@hotmail.com or call 314-558-3409

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Yokota, Japan - Rosewood Telephone Chair from Eastwood Trading Company. Double Happiness Design with glass top. Asking $600 Please email lily_481@hotmail.com or call 314-558-3409

Yokota, Japan - Round dinner table set I have a round table with 2 extension leaves and four chairs with arms decent condition. Email if need pictures Asking $200. Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - SERTA Queen size bed pillow top, only 6 mos. old, hardly used, took as new. Bought $899 from BX Call 323-338-7534 or email if interested Asking $450

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Yokota, Japan - Honeywell Fans w/ remote & air cleaners built-absolutely nothing wrong w/ these, Just trying to get a head start on clearing out house. I bought these in the states about a year and a half ago. Exc. Cond. I kept the manuals as well. This is a great way to help circulate the air in your home, & clean out all the "nasty garbage" at the same time. These are tall, black, Honeywell Fans w/ A lot of features. They also have built-in air purifiers (no extra $$ to replace filter). The remote has a built-in flashlight as well. I have 3 of these, which we use upstairs to help circulate the air, so it's not so stuffy. I am asking $40 each (paid a lot more than this for these). Please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Hoover Steam Vacuum LS Edition Patented Spin Scrub brushes work together to scrub carpet fibers on all sides - gently loosening dirt Heated Cleaning applies heat directly to the floor Separate clean and dirty water tanks means you never put dirty water back down on your floors Powered Hand Tool allows you to get tough stains off of stairs, upholstery, and furniture Finger-tip solution control allows you to manage solution output for tough stains Easily accessible toe-operated on/off switch - eliminates bending! Front-mounted scrub module for cleaning bathrooms, tile and porcelain works great! Asking $75 Please call Sean 080-3511-6553

Yokota, Japan - must go-Honeywell fans w/ built-in air cleaners absolutely nothing wrong w/ these! I kept them very clean. I kept the manuals to them as well. I purchased these in the states about a year and a half ago. Only selling because we must downsize what we have!! These are really nice Honeywell "black color" fans w/ remotes that also have built-in flashlights. This is a great way to circulate the air in your home, so it's not so stuffy. These fans offer lots of other options. another "plus" about these fans-they have built-in air cleaners-no extra $$ to replace filters-have a fan & air cleaner in one, takes up less space!! Asking $40 each (I have 3--we had 1 in each room upstairs to help circulate the air all year round.) contact Angela 916-473-4488

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Must Go-Canvas Closet Hanging Organizer-2 nothing wrong w/ these! They are in exc. condition-machine washable as well. Only selling because we must down size now - Set of 2-Canvas Garment Bags w/ Cedar Inserts. These are natural-Khaki/cream trim in color--has hanger hooks at top to hang in closet-I bought these at BBB. Great to use in a downstairs closet or bedroom closet-organize suits, dresses, coats, seasonal clothing, etc. WE used them to hang all of our "winter" clothing in summer/no wrinkles, vice-versa. Plus, we used one to hang coats in downstairs closet. Great way to organize a closet, & create more space, I am asking $30 for the set of 2. These are really nice. The removable cedar inserts were great to have as well. Please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Must go-front door Japanese/American sign exc. Shape only selling because we need to downsize what we have now. I bought this at a bazaar a while back and paid $60. I am asking $30. You can hang this sign on your front door, or wall, or get a stand and put it on a desk/counter. It has Mount Fuji, Japanese man, etc. on it. The sign reads "this is an American style home run Japanese style. Please take off your shoes and stay awhile." it's really nice. I kept it very clean. So sorry, I do not have pictures. Please call me 916-473-4488 to see in person. Thank you.

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - 21 ps2 games and 1 ps1 game. The play station games are Lego Batman, Lego Star Wars, Lego Star Wars II, Mortal Combat Deception, Mortal Combat Shoaling Monks, Backyard Football 2006, MLB Power Pros, MLB 2k5, The grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy, UFC Sudden Impact, Nicktoon Unite, Star Wars Battlefront, Star Wars Battlefront II, Pirates of the Caribbean at world's end, Crash Twin Sanity, Burnout 3 Takedown, Thrillville, Crash Mind of Muntant, The Biggs, MLB 06 the show, Spiderman 3 and the play station game of Casper. They all have the instruction booklets, but the games are in two DVD/CD cases. (I am wanting to sell the whole lot together and do not want to divide the lot) Asking $75 Please call 407-373-1327 or email kristilehane@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 27in TV selling. Don't have the remote for it. Works fine just don't need I can take it to your house if needed asking $25 Please email yokotaads123@gmail.com

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - Big screen TV and wall unit @ 700 obo big screen JVC TV and wall unit together for 700 OBO. Please contact me at HEAVENLYCM@YAHOO.COM

Yokota, Japan - DJ SET + sera to scratch live beginners DJ set comes with 2numark tt1600 belt drive turntables/2 needles, 1 Stanton m.202 mixer, and 1 JVC headset. Also included is a range serum to scratch live still new and in the box perfect for using old skool turntables setup for new skool technology. setup comes with all cables and if you are a aspiring DJ then this is the perfect setup to begin with also if you don't know scratch live allows you to mix music straight from your computer with any turntables and still have that original sound and feel. And as a bonus I will through in a soundcard so that you can record what you mix! All for a low price of $400. And if you are a beginner and need help I will also show you how to set everything up correctly. Asking $400 Please call 1-954-381-3971 state or email johnortizalready@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Fender 2x12 Combo Amp 1 year old. 212 DSP combo amp features 16 amp models and 16 DSP effects per channel (including reverb, delay, chorus, tremolo, flanging, Vibrations and combinations). 100W power section with 2 special design 12" speakers, 2 independent channels with duplicate controls 16 amp types per channel 16 effects types per channel included footswitch for channel selection and effects on/off Head phone output. Pre-amp out and power amp in asking $200 OBO Please call 090-6182-0119 or email mttjrdn@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Konka 32in Flat Screen Television Silver in color 32in flat screen television Works completely fine nothing wrong with it. I just upgraded. Not an LCD TV just a flat screen $100 firm Call 81-3200-9312

Yokota, Japan - MUST GO NOW-iLuv Clock/dual docking station absolutely nothing wrong we have to downsize now, & we don't need 2 of these anymore! It's in excellent condition. We kept the orig. box, everything it came with. "black color" Iluv "double play"-imm173 (has dual docking station to charge IPod / I Phone-remote control bright control I CD large clock display-am/fm radio-alarm many more great features. paid $150. asking $65 must downsize now. contact 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Sabre DVD Player brand new, in box. Received as a gift, but never used b/c we have a blue-ray player. Color-black comes with remote and batteries asking $15 Email Melissa mking02@hotmail.com

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - must sell-Sony CD Boom box/IPod dock absolutely nothing wrong w/ this!! It was kept very clean. We also kept the orig. box/paperwork/etc. my son is cleaning out his room now, & says he no longer wants it. This is really nice!! It's a "white color" Sony CD boom box w/ built-in apple IPod universal docking station w/ remote. I like the fact you could either play music CD's or listen to an IPod while it was charging. You can either carry it from room-room using batteries, or, you can plug it in. it also has am/fm radio, 30 station preset, & many more great features. It sounds really clear as well. My son is only asking $60. Please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Selling a red ring Xbox 360. Reason why selling, I don't want to put the money to ship to Microsoft and take awhile to get it back since were in Japan. The Xbox works 30mins then some reason freezes then red ring. But it works again after 10min cool down. I don't know why it does that but I'm done with it. So if interested in fixing it yourself or sending it elsewhere please make a reasonable offer. Comes with Red Ring Xbox 360 (console) AV cables, Power cable, Make me an offer. Please email gatordude_94@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Subwoofers and amp 2 10inch Memphis audio subwoofers with 1600 watt Exelon Kenwood amplifier Asking $500 Please call 0903875448 3 or email carlos.verette@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - Xbox 360 Red Ring Repair and Custom Modes Red Ring Repair and Custom Modes such as Xbox 360 Clear and Chrome cases and Xbox controller cases, Xbox 360 LED moods and controller LED modes. Prices vary. Check out New Again for examples. Price varies. Please call Robert 080-6673-1820

Jewelry 610

Yokota, Japan - Must Go-Bag of Jewelry / G-Shock Watch My son wants to sell his G-Shock watch. I kept the manual it came with. It has a Velcro military camo wrist band, & lots of cool features. We paid $80. My son is asking $30. I put a small bag together of MISC. Jewelry that I never wear anymore. Necklaces, earrings, maybe a ring or two, $20 for the whole bag Contact Angela 916-473-4488

Musical Instruments 740

Yokota, Japan - Ernie Ball Music man Stingray Bass Professionally played on the road and in the studio. Black w/black picks guard. In perfect condition with Original custom case Massive hum bucker pickups with 3-band active preamp. Hard maple body and custom blonde Maple neck, Schaller tapered-post tuners. With Volume, treble, bass controls. I paid $1500 dollars for this bass a few years ago. Come play it and see what you think. I'm willing to barter. Also below is a picture of the Hard shell Case with a different color stingray bass. The bass I'm holding on stage, is the exact bass I'm selling. Asking $ 875 OBO call 090-6182-0119 or email mttjrdn@yahoo.com

Outdoor Living 775

Yokota, Japan - 800 Watt Power Supply BFG Power Supply first reasonable offer takes it. Please email gregg.matthew@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Coleman Quick Electric Pump--Priced 2 go now Cleaning out house now Nothing wrong w/ it, just we do not use it anymore. I kept the manual it came w/ and everything. Great for camping, blowing up balls, air mattress, etc. priced to sell now-$5.00 If not home, please leave a message 916-473-4488 Thank you.

Yokota, Japan - Large size plastic outdoor storage shed needed! Please call Bryan at 313-347-1031. Price negotiable!

Yokota, Japan - Old school push mower new still have box. Works great no gas or oil required. Great for small yards, Asking $70 firm please call 623734965 9 or email frankcecelic@hotmail.com

Pets 820

Misawa, Japan - Free Cat to Good Home - I need to find a home for a cat. He is a lovable animal, his owner PCS'ed and was left here. He comes with everything you will need, litter box, food and water dish. His name is lion or if you are interested please give me a call 080-3181-556 or email me elaina.sellon@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Japanese Bobtail Cat Beautiful white cat with tabby spots is looking for a home! He was a stray that was picked up and living at Pet Boarding. After several weeks in foster care he has turned into a fantastic, friendly cat. Now he just needs you to take him home and give him a forever home. Asking $50 Please contact 443-524-6433

Pets 820

Yokota, Japan - Adorable bunny! Must find Good Home ASAP I really need to find a good home for my bunny, Jumbi. He's grey and has grey blue eyes. He loves to be held once he gets to know you. He does have a personality. He's not boring at all. Loves to go outside and play in his play pen, loves to be out in the grass or just run around. I have to give him away because I have a job and no time to spend with him. He's all alone in the house all day. I hate that he doesn't have anyone to play with. So he needs kids to play with and give him the love and care he deserves. Comes with harness and leash, remaining food, cage and hay Please give him a good home. Please call before you email. 08034591768 / (512)-275-4895 (H) Free to good loving home

Photography 830

Yokota, Japan - Canon 40 DW grip, 50 1.8, kit lens package deal Canon 40d, battery grip, two batteries, 50 1.8 lens, and 18-55 kit lens. Rarely used, was my back up camera. Asking $650 Please call 080-3755-3434 or email grant@flsimages.com

Yokota, Japan - must go now-light blue Canon Camera there is absolutely nothing wrong w/ this camera! It was my daughter's. she upgraded, & no longer needs this one. It was purchased in Dec. we kept the orig. box, everything it came w/, etc. it's all in exc. condition, kept very clean. The SD card it came w/ is still sealed up-brand new. Plus, we are including another 1 GB SD card (2 SD cards total). This would make a great gift, first camera, or extra camera. The picture comes out clear. It's very simple to use as well. It's a canon power shot e1-light blue, 10mega pixels, 4x optical zoom, optical image stabilizer, large l CD screen, face detection, Digital III, red eye correction, movie mode, easy mode, & many more great features. We paid $180. My daughter is asking $85. Great deal! Contact 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Nikon lenses Nikon Super Wide Angle AF Nikkor 20mm f/2.8D Autofocus Lens with a 62mm Ultraviolet UV Haze filter and a Hoya 62mm (Moose) Warm Circular Polarizer Glass Filter $250 OBO and I also have a Nikon Wide Angle AF Nikkor 28mm f/2.8D Autofocus lens with a 52mm tiffen haze filter $150 OBO Please Email jarodhodge915@hotmail.com

Toys 945

Yokota, Japan - Toy chest/trunk have a blue top, tan bottomed toy chest that's 2ft wide by like 3ft long. Plastic asking $ 15 bucks please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - Brand New and never worn SPYDER Snowboarding Jacket and Pant set. Both are XL and will fit a person that is 6'1". The pant has suspenders with them that are detachable and the jacket has a hood and the arm is removable by zipper. Top of the line suit. I bought these last year and then got deployed and now PCS'ing to Guam for 4 years. Paid over $200 and willing to part for $150. Call 407-373-1342 or email owner@trandell.com

Yokota, Japan - Elliptical The asking price at the BXtra is 390. It's a great elliptical I just need to make more room I the house. Asking $200 OBO Please call 646 381 0009 or email nickynjoabbott@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Fitness Bike - Pro Form 240S, $50 OBO We've owned this bike for a little while now and have no more room for it in our house. Bike is in great shape, except for a scratch on the main frame of the bike and a few 'dings' on the seat. Only needs two double batteries - great for exercising at home! Works great! MUST GO ASAP! Please call 425-274-4375 or email eddierozzi@rocketmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Must go-decorative bowling ball w/ bag set must downsize!! Nothing wrong, we just have to clear out. We have had this set for several years now. We bought the bowling ball in the states years ago, but are still in exc. shape--it has an "Americana theme w/ a bird on it"-8 LBS-the holes can be "re-drilled at the bowling alley". Plus, we are also including a really nice, rolling, Columbia bowling ball bag w/ lots of storage for ball, shoes, etc. The bag is in exc. shape & looks brand new. This is a really nice set. Priced to sell immediately--both ball and bag $35. Price low set contact 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - New Ignio Snowboarding Goggles - color Black and Size LG asking $20 Please call 407-373-1342 or email owner@trandell.com

Yokota, Japan - New SPYDER Snowboarding Gloves size XL Bought last year and got deployed and now PCS'ing to Guam. Selling for $30 call 407-373-1342 or email owner@trandell.com

Yokota, Japan - treadmill for sale! $150.00 simplicity by Athalon treadmill for Sale! We moved here and no longer have room for it. Works Great! Asking price $150 Please call 090-6301-4553

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - Nike SUMO2 SQ Tour Driver-XS-For Sale would like to switch to a different style Driver. In Great shape, upgraded shaft to an X-Stiff, if you want the original shaft it is a Stiff Flex Adela Shaft. Will send you pictures of it or if you would like to stop by and see just call or email. Thanks for viewing my ad have a great day or night. Please call 1-512-275-4906 or email mmathis126@yahoo.com will post pictures when I can figure out how.

Yokota, Japan - NWT VANS Snowboarding Boots and Flow Bindings Vans Danny Kass 5 Snowboarding Boots - Size 14 2008 Flow Team All-Mountain/Freestyle Snowboard Bindings Both is brand New and never used. Bought last year and the got deployed and now PCS'ing to Guam in Nov for 4 yrs paid over $500 and will to part for $400 call 407-373-1342 or email owner@trandell.com

Miscellaneous 1040

Misawa, Japan - For Sale: Treadmill and Nintendo Wii - I have a treadmill and Nintendo Wii for sale they are both in good shape and rarely used. The treadmill going for $400 and I will sell the Nintendo Wii for $400 it has Wii fitness with it and comes with some games and two controllers. So please if you would like any of this please email me or call 6163983! Audra Sallis

Yokota, Japan - Friends Complete Season DVD Sets! Seasons 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 in original 4 DVD set cases! Price has come down! Everybody loves Friends right?! Start or even finish your friend's collection here! For sale per season or all together $10.00/season call 090-3817-8658 or email daphneandjon@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Suitcase set-priced 2 sell immediately this is a 3 piece suitcase set. Great size for small trips TDY's, etc. 2 of the pieces have wheels on them, while the other is a carry-on. All matching, all in exc. condition-2 of the pieces were never used still have tags on them the bigger one was used 1 time. There's nothing wrong w/ any of it, we just have to downsize, and we do not need any more suitcases or bags. Priced to sell now 3 piece set $45 Contact Angela 916-473-4488

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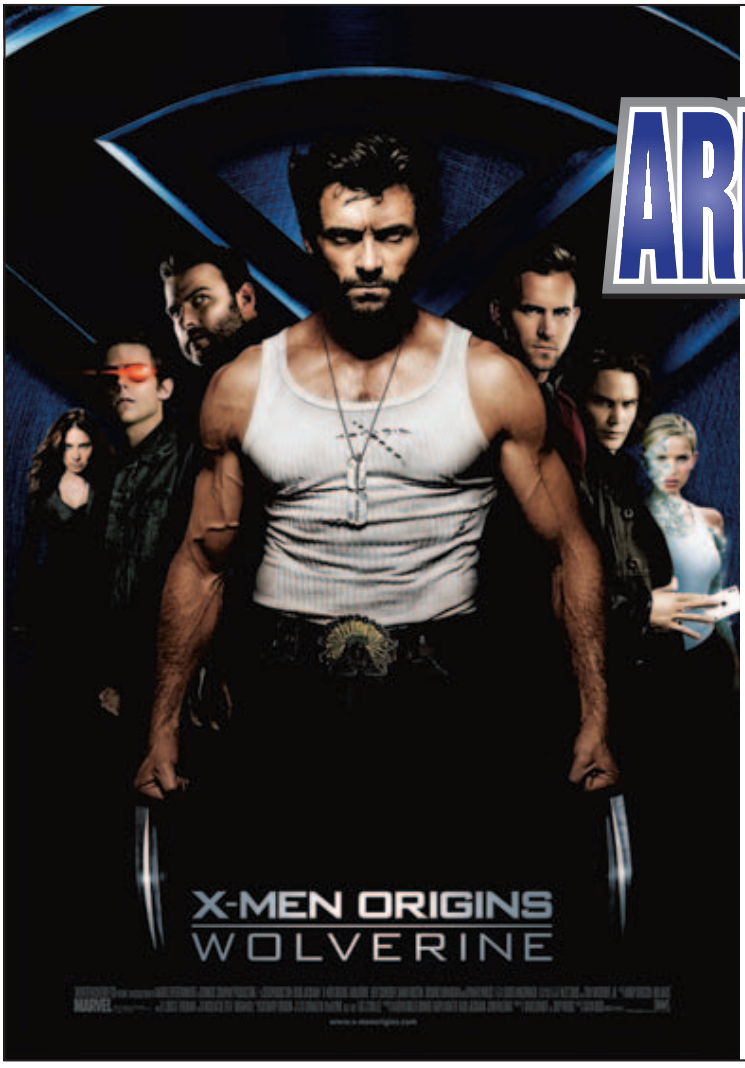

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Busch learning to be gracious in victory and defeat

In the Pits

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CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Kyle Busch deviated from his traditional victory celebration when he spotted a crying fan in the grandstands and tried to hand her the checkered flag through the fence at Bristol Motor Speedway.

He was at Fairgrounds Speedway in Nashville the next day for a late model race sponsored by the Kyle Busch Foundation. Handling problems forced him out of the 150-miler, but he still went to Victory Lane to present the guitar trophy to the winner.

Such is the enigma that is Kyle Busch lately.

He's sullen and surly some days, to the point Brian Vickers repeatedly characterized his rival as an angry person living a miserable existence. But other days he can be charming, charitable and even gracious.

His mood mostly reflects the most recent race results, and when Busch isn't winning, he makes no apologies for being upset.

"You know, I am who I am," Busch said Sunday in Nashville, where he arrived fresh off of Saturday night's critical NASCAR victory in the Sprint Cup Series race at Bristol.

"It is what it is. I go out there to do my best week in and week out to win races. I'm a guy that loves to win. There's nothing else to me but the feeling of winning."

In other words, he's a racer.

But in his struggle to balance the highs and lows of his high-profile NASCAR career, he's made several missteps that have cost him on and off the track. Fans despise him for a myriad of reasons, ranging from on-track tangles with Dale Earnhardt Jr., his aggressive racing style and his arrogant attitude.

They also find him to be a petulant whiner who finds fault in someone else everytime he's denied a victory.

When he's winning, he doesn't really care about the backlash that comes from being a Bad Boy.

But when he's losing, it's best just to get out of his way.

So his mood had been terrible during a 13-race slump in the Cup Series that's got him dangerously close to missing the Chase for the championship. With his season now on the line, Busch stepped up Saturday night with a gutsy victory at Bristol that has him still in contention for the title.

The victory moved him up two spots in the standings to 13th, and with two races remaining before the 12-driver Chase field is set, he's just 34 points out of the final qualifying spot.

What his fourth victory of the season did for him statistically pales to what it did for his psyche. The struggle to win had apparently wreaked havoc on his confidence, and that sour mood was seemingly affecting his racing.

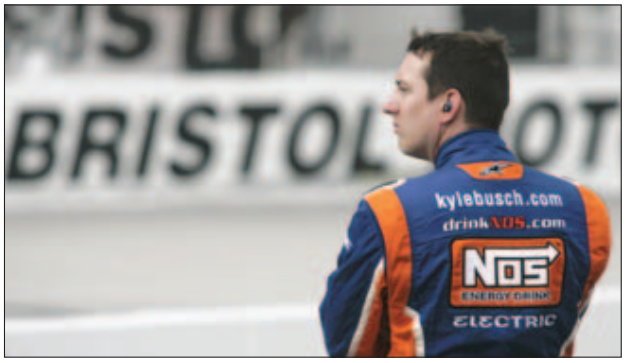
As team owner Joe Gibbs pointed out after Saturday's victory, it's not too different from the emotional highs and lows everyone saw from Tony Stewart during the first, oh, decade of his NASCAR career.

"You go back to Tony when he was first here, he wore everything on his sleeve," Gibbs said. "If you remember, some of the same statements we made about Kyle we were making about Tony."

Stewart's done OK for himself, with two championships, 36 victories, co-ownership of his own race team and the lead in the current Sprint Cup standings. Stewart has mellowed a bit with age, and at 38 years old, he's learned how to pick his battles.

Busch, 24, is still trying to find his way.

But much like Stewart, who seemed so unlikable at the race track only to be a charmer away from it, Busch does his share of good deeds.



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Kyle Busch's passion for racing and sometimes petulant behavior have at times caused problems with fellow NASCAR drivers, but Busch does his share of good deeds, too.

And so he ended up in Nashville, on a rare Sunday off, lending his time and name to a lower-tier racing series. After the backlash from his smashing of the guitar trophy following June's Nationwide race at Nashville Speedway, he was determined to prove he meant no disrespect to the music industry.

So he quietly donated some money to the Nashville Alliance for Public Education to provide 150 guitars to two area high schools that will create "Les Paul Memorial Guitar Labs" in honor of music icon Les Paul, who died earlier this month.

"I didn't know a lot about music, to be honest, but [the guitar smashing] kind of helped me realize how many people were really passionate about music," Busch said. "What's neat about this deal is that there are kids that are just as passionate about music as I am about racing, and we get to give these kids an opportunity ... to pursue their passion."

That's all Busch is doing week in and week out. The fans may not like his approach, but as he proved Saturday, he certainly keeps it interesting.

AP Sports Writer Theresa M. Walker in Nashville contributed to this report.

SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Wednesday

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-MLB: N.Y. Mets at Florida (dld).
AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.-MLB: L.A. Dodgers at Colorado (dld).

Thursday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.-MLB: Cleveland at Kansas City (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.-MLB: N.Y. Mets at Florida.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-MLB: Cincinnati at Milwaukee.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.-MLB: Arizona at San Francisco.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-MLB: Texas at N.Y. Yankees (dld).
AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.-MLB: Chicago White Sox at Boston (dld).

Friday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.-MLB: Houston at St. Louis.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.-MLB: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-NFL exhibition: Miami at Tampa Bay.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.-MLB: Kansas City at Seattle.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-MLB: Chicago White Sox at Boston (dld).
AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.-NFL exhibition: Jacksonville at Philadelphia (dld).

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Pro football

NFL exhibition

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	39	26
New England	1	1	0	.500	33	32
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	66	72
N.Y. Jets	0	2	0	.000	43	47
South						
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	58	68
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	26	28
Houston	1	1	0	.500	30	48
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	32	36
North						
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	47	23
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	14	23
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	27	27
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	33	27
West						
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	51	31
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	31	26
Denver	0	2	0	.000	29	44
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	23	33

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Washington	1	1	0	.500	17	36
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	40	41
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	27	34
Philadelphia	0	2	0	.000	40	50
South						
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	55	21
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	46	40
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	44	50
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	34	51
North						
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	48	21
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	30	16
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	37	30
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	37	53
West						
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	38	36
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	47	27
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	36	40
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	16	37

Friday's games
Dallas 30, Tennessee 10
Atlanta 20, St. Louis 13
Minnesota 17, Kansas City 13

Saturday's games
Miami 27, Carolina 17
Washington 17, Pittsburgh 13
Cleveland 27, Detroit 10
Tampa Bay 24, Jacksonville 23
Green Bay 31, Buffalo 21
Chicago 17, N.Y. Giants 3
New Orleans 38, Houston 14
San Francisco 21, Oakland 20
San Diego 17, Arizona 6
Seattle 27, Denver 13

Monday's game
Baltimore 24, N.Y. Jets 23

Thursday's games
Jacksonville at Philadelphia
St. Louis at Cincinnati
Miami at Tampa Bay

Friday, Aug. 28
New England at Washington
Green Bay at Arizona

Saturday, Aug. 29
Indianapolis at Detroit
New Orleans at Oakland
Buffalo at Pittsburgh
Tennessee at Cleveland
San Diego at Atlanta
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants
San Francisco at Dallas
Seattle at Kansas City
Baltimore at Carolina

Sunday, Aug. 30
Chicago at Denver

Monday, Aug. 31
Minnesota at Houston

NFL calendar

Sept. 1 — Roster cutdown to maximum of 75 players.
Sept. 5 — Roster cutdown to maximum of 53 players.

Deals

Monday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Designated LHP Ron Mahay for assignment. Purchased the contract of RHP Yasuhiko Yabuta from Omaha (PCL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Activated LHP Scott Downs from the 15-day DL. Placed 3B Edwin Encarnacion on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 21.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with 1B Jason Giambi on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS—Recalled LHP Ken Takahashi from Buffalo (IL). Optioned LHP Pat Misch to Buffalo. Announced INF Andy Green cleared waivers and was assigned to Buffalo.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named Jarrod Dillon vice president, ticket sales and service.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed S Kevin Kaesviharn. Waived WR Jason Carter.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed DT Langston Moore.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed DB Tra Battle, OL Corey Hilliard and TE Nate Jackson. Terminated the contract of OL George Foster. Waived TE John Madsen and DL Mel Purcell.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed LB Adam Seward. Re-signed WR Maurice Dupree. Waived LB Lamar Myles and WR Andy Strickland.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Waived LB Vince Redd.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Terminated the contract of TE Ernest Wilford. Waived RB Anthony Kimble, NT Joe Cohen, LB Orion Martin and LB Tearrius George. Placed WR Chris Williams on waived-injured. Traded OL Andy Alleman and OL Ikechuku Ndukwe to Kansas City for an undisclosed 2010 draft pick.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed LB Napoleon Harris, Released CB Ricky Manning Jr.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed QB Philip Rivers to a a six-year contract extension through 2015.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Activated DE Ray McDonald from the physically unable to perform list.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Placed LB Angelo Crowell on injured reserve. Signed CB Darrell Hunter and LB Bo Ruud.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Released WR Chris Davis and OL Doug Datish.

COLLEGE

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN—Named Will Jones men's assistant basketball coach.

COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND—Named Paul Bobb interim athletic director and David Pizzuto associate athletic director-sports information director.

GUILFORD—Named Gary Rizza trainer.

HOLY CROSS—Named Sean Ryan men's assistant basketball coach.

HOLY FAMILY—Named Nikki Flores, Rachel Johnson and Bethann Castone women's assistant basketball coaches.

MANHATTAN—Named Jay Myers women's assistant soccer coach.

OTTERBEIN—Named Mark Paluszak men's and women's golf coach.

POINT PARK—Announced men's basketball G Marcus Robinson is transferring from Clarion.

RIDER—Named Pam Durkin women's associate head basketball coach.

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE—Named Crystal Colagiovanni women's assistant soccer coach.

SAM HOUSTON STATE—Named David Paitson associate athletic director for external operations.

ST. ANDREWS—Named baseball coach Keith Williams assistant athletic director for day-to-day operations and softball coach Elizabeth Burris assistant athletic director for NCAA compliance.

THIEL—Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Peachy Trader, effective Aug. 31, to take the same position at North Carolina Wesleyan.

YALE—Named Jillian Byers women's assistant lacrosse coach.

Tennis

Pilot Pen

Monday
At The Conn. Tennis Center at Yale
New Haven, Conn.
Purse: Men, $750,000 (WT250); Women, $600,000 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Kevin Kim, United States, def. Teimuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.
Simone Bolelli, Italy, def. Christophe Rochus, Belgium, 6-3, 6-4.
Potito Starace, Italy, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
Robert Kendrick, United States, def. Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, 6-3, 7-5.
Bjorn Phau, Germany, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-4.
Frederico Gil, Portugal, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-4, 6-3.
Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-2, 6-2.
Jose Acasuso, Argentina, def. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, 6-1, 6-7 (7), 6-2.
Rajeev Ram, United States, def. Nicolas Lapentti, Ecuador, 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (3).

Second Round

Sam Querrey (6), United States, def. Marc Gicquel, France,6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-2.

Women
First Round

Agnieszka Radwanska (5), Poland, def. Roberta Vinci, Italy, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Magalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-4, 6-4.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.
Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Amelie Mauresmo (8), France, def. Ai Sugiyama, Japan, 6-4, 6-1.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (1), Russia, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-4.

Doubles
Men
First Round

Jeremy Chardy and Fabrice Santoro, France, def. Travis Parrott, United States, and Filip Polasek, Slovakia, 6-4, 3-6, 10-7 tiebreak.
Christopher Kas and Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (1), Poland, 7-5, 6-3.

Women
First Round

Sarah Borwell, Britain, and Raquel Kops-Jones, United States, def. Monica Niculescu and Ioana Raluca Olaru, Romania, 6-2, 3-6, 10-8 tiebreak.
Alona and Kateryna Bondarenko (4), Ukraine, def. Tathiana Garbin, Italy, and Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 6-2, 3-6, 10-7 tiebreak.
Liga Dekmeijere, Latvia, and Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Chuang Chia-jung, Taiwan, and Yan Zi (2), China, 7-5, 4-6, 10-8 tiebreak.

High school

This week's schedule

Japan
Football
Friday, Aug. 28
Yokota at Kinnick, 7 p.m.
Edgren at Zama, 7 p.m.

Guam
Football
Friday, Aug. 28
Father Duenas at George Washington, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 29
Guam High at Okkodo, 10 a.m.
Southern vs. Simon Sanchez at Okkodo High School, 3 p.m.

Okinawa
Football
Preseason
Friday, Aug. 28
Kadena vs. Kubasaki at Ryukyu Middle School, Kadena Air Base, 7 p.m.

Cross country
Wednesday, Sept. 2
Kadena, Okinawa Christian International and Zion Christian Academy at Kubasaki, 4:30 p.m.

Little League

World Series

At South Williamsport, Pa.
UNITED STATES

POOL A — SOUTHEAST, Warner Robins, Ga. (3-0); MID-ATLANTIC, Staten Island, N.Y. (2-1); MIDWEST, Urbandale, Iowa (1-2); NORTHWEST, Mercer Island, Wash. (0-3).

POOL B — WEST, Chula Vista, Calif. (2-0); SOUTHWEST, San Antonio (2-0); NEW ENGLAND, Peabody, Mass. (0-2); GREAT LAKES, Russellville, Ky. (0-2).

INTERNATIONAL

POOL C — CARIBBEAN, Willemstad, Curacao (3-0); JAPAN, Chiba City (2-1); MEA, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia (1-2); LATIN AMERICA, Maracaibo, Venezuela (0-3).

POOL D — MEXICO, Reynosa (2-0); ASIA-PACIFIC, Taoyuan, Taiwan (2-0); EUROPE, Ramstein AFB, Germany (0-2); CANADA, Vancouver, British Columbia (0-2).

Friday, Aug. 21
Staten Island, N.Y. 10, Mercer Island, Wash. 2
Taoyuan, Taiwan 16, Ramstein AFB, Germany 0, 4 innings
Warner Robins, Ga. 11, Urbandale, Iowa 3
San Antonio 10, Peabody, Mass. 1

Saturday, Aug. 22
Reynosa, Mexico 2, Vancouver, British Columbia 1, 7 innings
Willemstad, Curacao 2, Maracaibo, Venezuela 1
Warner Robins, Ga. 6, Staten Island, N.Y. 3
Chiba City, Japan 5, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia 2
Chula Vista, Calif. 15, Russellville, Ky., 0, 5 innings

Sunday, Aug. 23
Urbandale, Iowa 5, Mercer Island, Wash. 3
San Antonio 12, Russellville, Ky. 0, 4 innings
Taoyuan, Taiwan 8, Vancouver, British Columbia 0
Chula Vista, Calif., 14, Peabody, Mass., 0
Willemstad, Curacao 12, Chiba City, Japan 11

Monday, Aug. 24
Reynosa, Mexico 13, Ramstein AFB, Germany 0, 4 innings
Chiba City, Japan 5, Maracaibo, Venezuela 4
Warner Robins, Ga. 3, Mercer Island, Wash. 2
Willemstad, Curacao 5, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia 3
Staten Island, N.Y. 8, Urbandale, Iowa 3

Tuesday, Aug. 25
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia 5, Maracaibo, Venezuela 3
Ramstein AFB, Germany vs. Vancouver, British Columbia
Russellville, Ky. vs. Peabody, Mass.
Reynosa, Mexico vs. Taoyuan, Taiwan,
San Antonio vs. Chula Vista, Calif.

SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, Aug. 26
At Lamade Stadium
International
Pool D No. 1 vs. Chiba City, Japan
United States
Pool B No. 1 vs. Staten Island, N.Y.
Thursday, Aug. 27
International
Willemstad, Curacao vs. Pool D No. 2
United States
Warner Robins, Ga. vs. Pool B No. 2
Friday, Aug. 28
Rain Day, no games scheduled
Saturday, Aug. 29
International championship
U.S. championship
Sunday, Aug. 30
Third Place
At Volunteer Stadium
U.S. runner-up vs. International runner-up
World Championship
At Lamade Stadium
International champion vs. U.S. champion

TANK MCNAMARA

NFL exhibition

Sanchez, Jets fall short vs. Ravens

BY DAVID GINSBURG
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Mark Sanchez had enough great games at Southern Cal to know what it's like to have a clunker.

So, after the New York Jets rookie quarterback threw an interception and botched a handoff Monday night, he didn't take much consolation in throwing his first NFL touchdown pass during a 24-23 exhibition loss to the Baltimore Ravens.

"Obviously we just need to take care of the ball better, meaning myself," said Sanchez, who went 3-for-8 for 43 yards in his first start. "We can't be giving them points. Turnovers, those just hurt."

Sanchez is competing against Kellen Clemens for the starting job. Clemens started the Jets' exhibition opener against St. Louis, and Sanchez got his chance against the Ravens.

The former USC standout probably couldn't have envisioned a worse start. His first pass was intercepted and returned for a touchdown, his second pass should have been picked off, and he was charged with a fumble during his lone productive drive — a 64-yard march that ended with a 19-yard touchdown pass to running back Leon Washington.

That provided a feel-good finish to his first NFL start, but didn't quite seem to make up for his earlier miscues.

"It was difficult those first couple of plays, but I got settled down," Sanchez said. "The best thing, the most encouraging thing to me, was to see everybody in the huddle still rally around me."

Sanchez, the fifth player taken in the 2009 draft, didn't experience success until the Ravens removed several players from the first-team defense, including middle linebacker Ray Lewis and safety Ed Reed.

"It was clear that he was nervous out there. He was trying to get the ball out of his hand pretty much as quick as possible," Ravens cornerback Fabian Washington said. "He made some costly mistakes, but that's what we do. We're supposed to fluster a rookie quarterback."

The process began on the second play from scrimmage, when Sanchez forced a pass while being hit in the stomach by Lewis. The ball was intercepted by Haloti Ngata, who rumbled 25 yards for a touchdown to make it 7-0 with 52 seconds elapsed.

NFL briefs

Chargers sign Rivers to $93M extension

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Philip Rivers got his big-money contract extension. Now all he needs to do to keep up with Eli Manning and Ben Roethlisberger is to win the Super Bowl.

Rivers signed a six-year contract extension Monday with the San Diego Chargers worth $93 million, with $38 million guaranteed.

A person familiar with the contract confirmed the numbers to The Associated Press, but requested anonymity because the team did not release any figures. The deal goes through 2015.

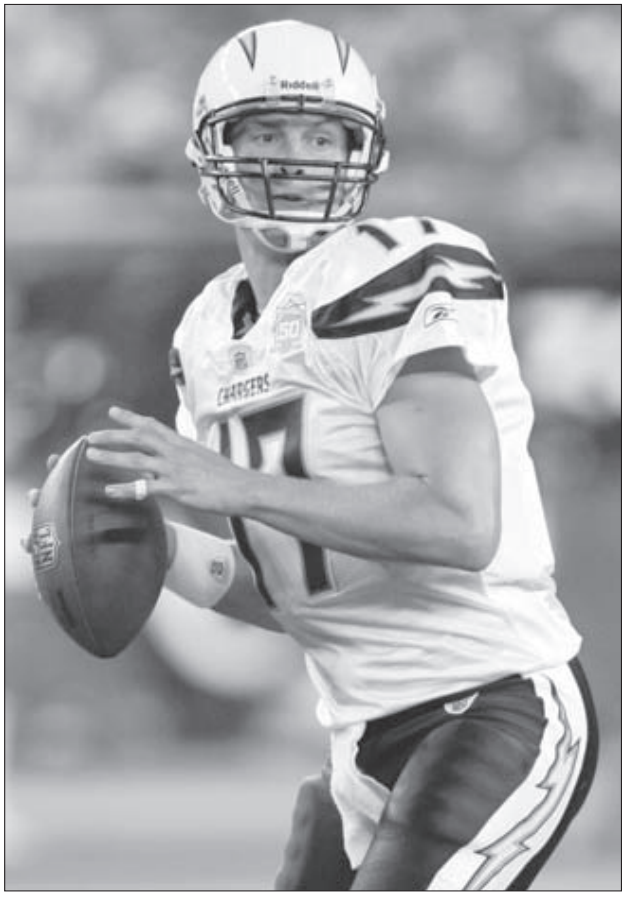
Rivers said he was "thankful to have many more opportunities to suit up and go out there and be the quarterback for the Chargers and short term, to be able to just do all I can to lead us to a championship."

In 2004, with the Chargers coming off an NFL-worst 4-12 finish, Manning's family asked San Diego not to draft him with the No. 1 pick overall. General manager A.J. Smith did anyway, then sent him to the Giants for Rivers — who was taken at No. 4 — and a handful of picks.

Roethlisberger was the 11th pick overall that year and was the first of the Big Three QBs of the 2004 draft class to win a Super Bowl, following the 2005 season. Manning got his Super Bowl ring two seasons later by leading the Giants to an upset over the previously undefeated Patriots. Roethlisberger won his second Super Bowl in February.

Rivers is coming off his best pro season, when he threw 34 touchdown passes to tie former teammate Drew Brees for the NFL lead and break Hall of Famer Dan Fouts' Chargers record. He also led the NFL with a quarterback rating of 105.5, another team record. He had 4,009 passing yards, joining Fouts as the only QBs in team history to throw for more than 4,000 in a season.

Rivers became the starting quarterback in 2006. He's led the team to the playoffs in each of the past three seasons and has a career record as a starter, including playoffs, of 36-18.



MATT YORK/AP

San Diego QB Philip Rivers signed a six-year contract extension Monday worth $93 million, with $38 million guaranteed.

Fein says he's innocent

BALTIMORE — Baltimore Ravens rookie linebacker Tony Fein said Monday night he will be exonerated of charges he allegedly assaulted a police officer once his side of the altercation is made public.

Fein, however, refused to discuss specifics of the skirmish, which occurred inside a Johnny Rockets restaurant in Baltimore's Inner Harbor tourist district.

"I'm just saying I'm innocent," said Fein in the locker room following the Ravens' 24-23 exhibition victory over the New York Jets. "I'm not going to get into the details of it, but the truth will come out."

The arrest of Fein, an Iraq war veteran, was the result of police profiling, the linebacker's agent said Monday.

Vick set to make debut

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Vick will make his exhibition debut for the Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday night.

The three-time Pro Bowl quarterback hasn't played in an NFL game since Dec. 31, 2006 with the Atlanta Falcons. Vick was released from federal custody July 20 after serving 18 months of a 23-month sentence for his role in running a dogfighting operation.

"I can only go off what I've seen in practice and it looks like he's moving around pretty good," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "Realistically, it's been two years. We'll see how it works out. We'll give him a couple shots in there and see what he can do."

Burress discusses shooting in TV interview

Plaxico Burress said in a television interview he didn't realize he'd accidentally shot himself until he saw the blood dripping onto his sneaker.

In an excerpt of an ESPN interview broadcast Monday night, the former New York Giants receiver said the shooting happened about five minutes after he entered the Latin Quarter night club in Manhattan.

"I take two or three steps and like my pants are wet," Burress said in the interview. "I had some Chuck Taylor's (Converse sneakers) and I looked down and the top of my shoe is red."

Burress said he immediately turned to then teammate Antonio Pierce and asked the middle linebacker to take him to the hospital.

The full interview will be broadcast Tuesday night.

Seattle's Spencer out a month

RENTON, Wash. — The Seahawks lost the third member of their starting offensive line in the past four weeks Monday, when doctors determined center Chris Spencer will be out at least a month with a torn thigh muscle.

Coach Jim Mora said Spencer injured the quadriceps muscle in his left leg and will "absolutely" miss at least the first two regular-season games, barring a miraculous recovery.

McCarthy names Packers starting offensive line

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Green Bay Packers coach Mike McCarthy has picked his starting offensive line. At least for now.

Calling it a "very tough decision," McCarthy said Monday that Jason Spitz will start at center over Scott Wells in Friday's exhibition game at Arizona. Allen Barbre also will start over Breno Giacomini at right tackle, where the Packers had to replace longtime starter Mark Tauscher, an unrestricted free agent coming off a season-ending knee injury who Green Bay did not re-sign.

"The starting five tonight is the starting five that we'll take into Arizona," McCarthy said after Monday night's practice.

That means Spitz and Barbre will be joined by veteran Chad Clifton at left tackle, Daryn Colledge at left guard and Josh Sitton at right guard.

49ers give Hill starting nod

SAN FRANCISCO — Shaun Hill has gone from undrafted rookie free agent to starting quarterback in his eight-year NFL journey.

Hill's late-season success last year for the San Francisco 49ers told coach Mike Singletary plenty about his potential to start in this league, and Singletary on Monday gave Hill the nod as the Niners starting quarterback over Alex Smith.

"I like the consistency," Singletary said of Hill. "I think he has a commanding presence about him when he gets in the huddle. I think the guys have learned to rally around him and his leadership."

Cowboys coach, aide sue over collapsed canopy

DALLAS — Two Dallas Cowboys employees seriously injured when the team's indoor practice facility collapsed in May have filed lawsuits against the companies that built the structure.

Scouting assistant Rich Behm and special teams coach Joe DeCamillis filed separate lawsuits Tuesday in state district court in Dallas against Summit Structures LLC and others involved in building the steel and fabric facility.

The suits, which seek unspecified damages, charge the companies with gross negligence.

Behm was paralyzed from the waist down when the building collapsed on May 2. DeCamillis suffered a broken vertebrae.

Bills' Owens still not ready; Jackson hurts thumb

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Terrell Owens still isn't ready to play, and the Buffalo Bills have another concern after running back Fred Jackson aggravated a left thumb injury in practice.

Coach Dick Jauron on Tuesday ruled out Owens from playing in an exhibition game at Pittsburgh on Saturday because the receiver is still nursing a sprained toe. Owens spent 10 minutes working out on his own during practice. He's been out since jamming his foot in the Hall of Fame game on Aug. 9.

Jackson was having tests on his thumb after he was hurt on a running play. The player was in pain and immediately escorted to the training facility.

Roethlisberger returns to field

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger practiced Tuesday for the first time since injuring his right foot during the team's final training camp practice.

Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said Roethlisberger will play in Saturday night's exhibition game against Buffalo and "won't be limited in any form or fashion."

Roethlisberger sat out last Saturday's exhibition game against Washington, two days after left tackle Max Starks accidentally stepped on the quarterback's right foot minutes before Pittsburgh ended training camp at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe.

During practice on Tuesday, Roethlisberger took part in individual drills but did not take any snaps until the last series of the day.

Seahawks don't have James

RENTON, Wash. — Edgerrin James has not practiced yet with the Seahawks. Neither has T.J. Duckett.

Seattle practiced Tuesday morning without James, the league's active leading rusher who reportedly has an agreement on a new contract with the team.

James was not at team headquarters or in the Seattle area through Monday night and had not taken a physical, so a contract was not finished.

The Seattle Times reported seeing James' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, in the lobby of team headquarters as practice began.

Duckett was also missing. A team spokesman said the veteran running back is still on the roster, hours after an Internet report that Seattle is releasing him to make roster room for James.

NFL suspends Saints' Hartley

METAIRIE, La. — The anticipated four-game suspension of Saints placekicker Garrett Hartley became official Tuesday.

Hartley said earlier this month he'd received a letter from the NFL explaining he'd tested positive for the banned stimulant Adderall, which he said he used to stay awake while driving from Dallas to New Orleans for an off-season workout.

The Saints released a statement Tuesday on behalf of the NFL officially announcing Hartley's suspension without pay for the first four games of the regular season.

Hartley can participate in practices and exhibition games until the season begins.

Titans' Washington has strained right hamstring

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nate Washington will miss some time with a strained right hamstring. How much and whether that includes the NFL season opener for Tennessee's top receiver remains to be seen.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher said all the exams have been done and that Washington's injury is not serious. The coach said Tuesday that Washington will be day-to-day, week-to-week and only ruled him out for Saturday night's exhibition in Cleveland.

Washington was Tennessee's top free-agent signee this offseason with a six-year deal.

He watched practice Tuesday with a noticeable limp. The receiver said he felt something as he pulled up Monday at the end of a long pass route and hopes he avoided serious injury by stopping immediately.

PAUL SANCYA/AP

Art Francisco lost his job at Chrysler about a year and a half ago. Now the Detroit-area resident's part-time career, officiating high school and youth sports, is a full-time job.

Tough economy leads to increase in referees

BY NOAH TRISTER
The Associated Press

Like so many others in Michigan, Art Francisco is struggling in these difficult economic times. About a year and a half ago, he lost his job at Chrysler.

Now his part-time career — officiating high school and youth sports — takes up most of his time.

"As soon as I got laid off, I started calling assigners," said the 54-year-old Francisco, who lives in Macomb Township near Detroit.

Administrators around the country are reporting an increase in the number of people interested in officiating, especially in areas hit hard by the recession. The job typically won't make ends meet but it can help: A particularly active referee can earn more than $10,000 in a year.

Barry Mano, president of the National Association of Sports Officials, has long noticed an inverse relationship between the economy and sports officiating. When more people have free time and are looking for work, it's easier to find officials.

"In a down economy, a certain number of officials who work only one sport normally start working two or three sports," Mano said. "They morph from being a basketball referee to also take up football or soccer or some other sport so they can keep that stream of earnings coming in."

High school sports organizations in the Rust Belt are reporting a significant uptick. Michigan had just over 13,000 officials last school year, up 1,000 from five years previous. The situation is similar in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Hank Zaborniak of the Ohio High School Athletic Association says it's easy to tell which parts of the state are struggling economically. Those are the places with plenty of officials.

"When the steel mills closed down in Youngstown and the manufacturing drops off, we'll see a spike," Zaborniak said. "We'll see more folks from that area of the state enter officiating, and often times it's because of the additional income, just to help offset what they might have lost."

There's some evidence of that in California, too. Jim Jorgensen, who directs a group that assigns officials in the Sacramento area, said more than twice as many new officiating hopefuls than usual showed up for a recent football meeting.

The flip side of the phenomenon is true, too. In North Dakota, where unemployment rates have been among the country's lowest, there has been concern that not enough officials would be available for the upcoming academic year. In Arkansas, the unemployment rate has consistently been about two percentage points lower than the national average, and there doesn't appear to be a major influx of referee hopefuls.

Mike Whaley of the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association has a message for people in sports officiating classes offered by local colleges: "This is a great part-time job."

Obviously, being a referee allows someone to get back on the field or gym floor, and gives them a chance to help develop sportsmanship among young athletes. But officials also need thick skin, and they better be in reasonably good shape if they want to work enough games to earn significant money.

Francisco, who officiates softball, football and basketball, remembers heading to an AAU basketball tournament and officiating 10 straight games on a Friday night. He expects to work six days a week this coming season.

"You wind up almost using it to make a living, you know?" the longtime auto worker said.

Francisco said a football referee could conceivably make $1,000 in a week, but that stamina-testing schedule would include junior varsity games, middle school games and plenty of youth football on the weekends.

It's not much different in Ohio. Zaborniak said a ref might make $12,000 to $14,000 a year "if you work three sports and you work as often as you might be asked to work."

The good news is there are plenty of events. Bob Lombardi of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association said a growing sport like lacrosse can provide more opportunities for officials.

"I don't think sports officiating, starting out, would ever replace someone's income," Lombardi said. "But I think it would be a nice secondary income."

Zaborniak agreed. "The officiating business — it's not a good activity for someone who's just doing it to earn income," he said. "It's got to be something where you want to be involved in the development of young people and that sort of thing."

As more people ask him how they can start officiating, Francisco has become a bit of a mentor to his less-experienced colleagues.

"A lot of guys are looking out for each other," he said. "Especially if we're all laid off."

Sports briefs

Ex-NBA referee involved in betting scandal jailed

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Disgraced former NBA referee Tim Donaghy is back behind bars.

Donaghy was being held without bond Tuesday for a federal rule violation, according to Hillsborough County jail records.

A message left Tuesday at the office of Donaghy's attorney was not immediately returned.

Donaghy was given a 15-month sentence last year after he said he took money from a professional gambler in exchange for inside tips on games — including games he worked. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to engage in wire fraud and transmitting betting information through interstate commerce.

Donaghy was moved to a halfway house this year after serving part of his sentence in a federal prison camp. He was scheduled for release in October.

Nowitzki's ex gets five years

ST. CHARLES, Mo. — A former girlfriend of Dallas Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki was sentenced Monday to five years in prison for violating probation.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that Cristal Taylor admitted in court on Monday that she failed to check in with her probation officer in a 12-year-old forgery and theft case. She also acknowledged being arrested twice in Texas in 2000 for misdemeanors.

The 38-year-old St. Louis-area native has said she planned to marry Nowitzki and was pregnant with his child. A Texas judge last month ordered Taylor to undergo a paternity test to determine the father, and Nowitzki is seeking sole custody of the child.

Taylor was arrested on May 6 at Nowitzki's home in Dallas on a 2006 theft of services charge in Jefferson County involving dental work.

She pleaded guilty in 1999 in Missouri to two counts of forgery and two counts of felony stealing and was placed on probation.

Cavs sign rookie forward Green

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Cavaliers signed forward Danny Green, their second-round pick in this year's draft.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

The 6-foot-6 Green finished his college career at North Carolina as one of the most versatile players in ACC history. He is the only player in conference history to record at least 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 250 assists, 150 three-pointers, 150 blocks and 150 steals.

Green averaged a career-best 13.1 points and 4.7 rebounds while helping the Tar Heels win the NCAA title this year.

Federer, Safina top U.S. Open seeds

NEW YORK — Roger Federer and Dinara Safina are seeded No. 1 for the U.S. Open.

The USTA followed the ATP and WTA rankings. That is why Safina heads the women's field ahead of second-ranked Serena Williams. Safina is 0-3 in Grand Slam tournament finals, while Williams is the defending champion at Flushing Meadows and has won 11 major championships.

The draw is Thursday. Play begins Monday.

Adviser charged in Ponzi scheme

OMAHA, Neb. — A woman who once advised Michael Vick and other NFL players on their finances has been charged with stealing $3 million in a Ponzi scheme.

Federal prosecutors unsealed the indictment against Mary Wong of Omaha on Monday.

Prosecutors say Wong worked out of her home and purported to sell investments in luxury properties in Arizona, Tennessee and Michigan along with private jets and other investments.

Prosecutors say Wong used the money she raised to support her other businesses and her own lavish lifestyle.

Three NFL players who played for the University of Nebraska were partners in one corporation Wong ran.

Vick sued Wong in January seeking to recover at least $2 million from her.

Teen golfer's father sentenced

HONOLULU — The father of teenage pro golfer Tadd Fujikawa will serve at least a year in prison for drug trafficking.

Derrick Fujikawa apologized in court Monday to his family and friends for the "embarrassment" and "heartache." Tadd Fujikawa was not in court.

Fujikawa, 45, pleaded guilty in February to two counts of dealing crystal methamphetamine to undercover police officers in 2007. He faced as much as 10 years in prison, with a mandatory time of one to four years.

But the judge set the minimum at the low end since Fujikawa took responsibility, including voluntarily completing drug treatment at his own expense.

Ethiopian athletes missing in Scotland

FALKIRK, Scotland — Two runners and two hurdlers from Ethiopia were reported missing Tuesday after leaving their hotel before a track and field meet in Scotland.

The four are Betelhem Shewatatek (women's 200 meters), Feleke Bekele (women's 400 hurdles), Hagos Tadesse (men's 400) and Tirehas Haileselassie (men's hurdles).

Scottish Athletics chief executive Geoff Wightman said his organization reported their disappearance to the police.

The Ethiopians were to compete Wednesday in the Falkirk Cup, a meet also featuring England, Ireland and Scotland. The four athletes are not regulars at major meets.

Backup quarterbacks leaving Miami

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami backup quarterbacks Taylor Cook and Cannon Smith say they are leaving the Hurricanes. Both are trying to find new schools in time for the fall semester.

Their decisions mean freshman A.J. Highsmith, whose father Alonzo Highsmith was an NFL running back and a member of the Hurricanes' 1983 national championship team, likely will enter the season as the backup to starter Jacory Harris. Holder Matt Perrelli saw time at quarterback in one game in 2006.

Cook was named No. 2 quarterback after the spring practice season, but Miami coach Randy Shannon revealed Monday that competition for the backup spot had reopened.

Smith completed his only pass last season, for 2 yards. Cook didn't have any passing stats in his lone Miami season.

Elsewhere ...

■ Three-time reigning NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson donated $150,000 in grants to four Charlotte, N.C.-area school systems. The grants are a product of the Lowe's "Toolbox for Education" program. Lowe's is the primary sponsor of Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet.

■ Running back James Starks will miss his senior season at Buffalo because of a shoulder injury, leaving the defending Mid-American Conference champions without their career leading rusher.

Philadelphia's Mike Schmidt, right, is congratulated by Pete Rose after hitting a two-run home run against the New York Mets on Aug. 15, 1981, at New York's Shea Stadium. Schmidt acknowledges that his former Phillies teammate has made mistakes, but thinks that it's time for baseball to reconsider Rose's lifetime ban.

RAY STUBBLEBINE/AP

Twenty: MLB shows inconsistency with issues of integrity

TWENTY, FROM BACK PAGE

with even more fervor. Enter Bud Selig, another passionate baseball man, who inherited the Rose case, and for years refused to take calls on the subject. It was always "under advisement."

OK, we all know the story from here on. Pete admitted to Selig he lied and asked for forgiveness, baseball was slow to act, Pete's book came out early and stepped on the Hall of Fame unveiling of Paul Molitor and Dennis Eckersley in early 2004, and the private admission to Selig went public via the book, not from the commissioner's office. To Bud Selig, it reeked of sleaze and money, and that image has never left his brain.

Pete's attempt to appeal and apply after 14 years initially seemed to be a success. However, as time went on, it was bungled from all sides. Pete remains in baseball purgatory.

Now you're current, so here's my first question: Did Pete Rose, in fact, knowingly compromise the integrity of baseball? And second, did/do the players who used steroids knowingly compromise the integrity of baseball?

Pete bet on the Reds to win, never to lose. He never managed with the intention of not winning. Do you believe for one second the gambling underworld was tuned into Pete's betting habits? Pete never bet big or long enough to sway the gambling line. This has all been dressing to make it clear where gambling can lead. I'm not trying to say it's not serious — it is — but I'm asking you to compare its impact on the game to steroid use.

Steroid players knowingly ingested chemicals that gave them an unfair advantage over clean players. Not only were they compromising the game's integrity, they were jeopardizing the long term for short-term financial gain, confusing baseball history. And, oh yes, some might've broken the law.

Pete bet on his team to win and has been banished from baseball for life. Manny Ramirez, Alex Rodriguez et al, bet that they would get bigger, stronger and have a distinct advantage over everyone and that they wouldn't get caught. Which is worse? Does the penalty fit the crime?

Pete's banned for life, he sells his autograph to pay bills. Ramirez and his cronies apologize, are forgiven and get $20 million a year. They giggle all the way to the bank and could end up in the Hall of Fame. Is this the way Bart Giamatti would have wanted it 20 years later?

Recently, Pete's case was given a new life by the great Hank Aaron, who said Pete had served a sufficient penalty time, deserved to be reinstated and considered for the Hall. All of us thought this was a new life for Pete, as Aaron is close to commissioner Selig and could sway fellow members.

Not so, as Mr. Selig went back to his favorite "under advisement" stance. He has his reasons, which I may disagree with, but respect.

Even if Pete were to get by the commissioner, I feel it would take serious massaging of the members by Aaron, Joe Morgan and myself to get him the needed 75 percent quorum on a vote of Hall of Famers for election, and that may not be enough.

Pete is Pete and always will be. To know him is to love him. He has a wonderful heart, but has never adjusted his lifestyle to the degree needed to impress the current administration. No one would disagree with that, but everyone must consider baseball's inconsistency in dealing with those players who have compromised the game.

Twenty years have passed, isn't that enough?

MLB briefs

Santana out for season

Mets' ace to have surgery on pitching elbow

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York Mets ace Johan Santana is headed for elbow surgery and is out for the rest of the season.

The Mets said Tuesday that Santana will have arthroscopic surgery to clean up bone chips in his left elbow. The team said his expected to ready for spring training next year.

Santana and Jeff Francoeur are the latest New Mets stars to be sidelined with injuries.

Santana was scratched Monday from his next scheduled start because of discomfort in his elbow. Francoeur has a torn ligament in his left thumb, leaving New York without its right fielder and top hitter.

The setback involving Santana is particularly alarming for the fourth-place Mets, who were counting on the two-time Cy Young Award winner to lead their rotation for years to come.

"He has not been throwing between starts for quite awhile. I would say since before the All-Star break. He has been pitching with this problem, but not with the level of discomfort he has now," New York manager Jerry Manuel said Monday after his team's 6-2 loss to Philadelphia. "Now, it concerns him."

Santana had been slated to pitch Tuesday night in Florida. Instead, the left-hander was examined by Mets medical director Dr. David Altchek, and right-hander Nelson Figueroa will start against the Marlins.

The Mets have 11 players on the disabled list, including David Wright, Carlos Beltran, Jose Reyes, Carlos Delgado, J.J. Putz and John Maine.

Santana was 13-9 with a 3.13 ERA in 25 starts during his second season with the Mets.

Wagner headed to Red Sox

BOSTON — Billy Wagner is on his way to the Boston Red Sox.

After a few days of back-and-forth talks about Wagner's future, the New York Mets traded the left-handed reliever to the Red Sox on Tuesday for two players to be named.

The AL wild-card leaders had claimed Wagner on waivers. He'll join a strong bullpen that features All-Star closer Jonathan Papelbon.

The 38-year-old Wagner has pitched two scoreless innings since recently returning from major surgery on his left elbow last September.

Wagner ranks sixth with 385 career saves, and said Monday that he wants to be a closer. He had said the Red Sox must guarantee it would decline his contract option for 2010 before he would approve a potential trade.

"I don't want to end my career as a setup man," Wagner said then.

Wagner has a no-trade clause in his contract, which includes an $8 million option for next year with a $1 million buyout. If his option is declined, he can become a free agent in the offseason.

Wagner has said he would like to pass John Franco (424) for the most saves by a left-handed pitcher.

Following a quicker-than-expected return from surgery and rehab, Wagner returned to the injury-ravaged Mets on Thursday night and struck out two in a perfect inning against Atlanta, with his fastball reaching 96 mph.

Wagner struck out two more in a hitless eighth inning Monday against first-place Philadelphia.

Jason Giambi signs with Rockies

DENVER — Former AL MVP Jason Giambi signed a minor league contract with the Colorado Rockies, and he could be back in the majors in as little as a week.

Giambi, 38, reported to Triple-A Colorado Springs, where he hit several home runs during batting practice. He said his troublesome right thigh was pain-free and that he was hoping for a Sept. 1 call-up to help the Rockies with their pennant push.

Colorado holds a four-game lead in the NL wild-card race.

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You may have heard about Patsy and her anti-drug campaign. Her homemade videos posted on YouTube and other sites seem to be gaining quite a following.

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MLB scoreboard

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	78	46	.629	—
Boston	71	53	.573	7
Tampa Bay	68	56	.548	10
Toronto	57	66	.463	20½
Baltimore	51	74	.408	27½
Central Division				
Detroit	66	58	.532	—
Chicago	63	62	.504	3½
Minnesota	62	63	.496	4½
Cleveland	55	69	.444	11
Kansas City	47	77	.379	19
West Division				
Los Angeles	74	49	.602	—
Texas	69	54	.561	5
Seattle	64	61	.512	11
Oakland	55	69	.444	19½

Sunday's games

Cleveland 6, Seattle 1
Toronto 8, L.A. Angels 3
Texas 4, Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Minnesota 10, Kansas City 3
Oakland 9, Detroit 4
N.Y. Yankees 8, Boston 4

Monday's games

Tampa Bay 12, Toronto 7
Boston 12, Chicago White Sox 8
Minnesota 2, Baltimore 1
Cleveland 10, Kansas City 6
Detroit 10, L.A. Angels 7
Seattle 3, Oakland 1

Tuesday's games

Texas at N.Y. Yankees
Tampa Bay at Toronto
Chicago White Sox at Boston
Baltimore at Minnesota
Cleveland at Kansas City
Detroit at L.A. Angels
Oakland at Seattle

Wednesday's games

Cleveland (D.Huff 7-7) at Kansas City (Hochevar 6-6)
Detroit (E.Jackson 10-5) at L.A. Angels (J.Saunders 9-7)
Texas (Holland 7-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 10-6)
Tampa Bay (Kazmir 8-7) at Toronto (Rzepczynski 2-3)
Chicago White Sox (G.Floyd 10-8) at Boston (Wakefield 11-3)
Baltimore (Guthrie 8-12) at Minnesota (Blackburn 8-8)
Oakland (G.Gonzalez 4-4) at Seattle (French 3-3)

Monday
Rays 12, Blue Jays 7

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Bartlett ss	5	1	3	1	Scutaro ss	5	0	0	1
Crwfrd lf	2	1	0	0	A.Hill 2b	5	0	1	0
WAyar 2b	3	0	0	1	Lind lf	3	0	1	0
Kapler lf	0	0	0	0	Overay 1b	4	1	1	0
Longori 3b	4	2	1	0	V.Wells cf	3	1	0	0
Zbrst 2b-lf-2b	4	4	3	2	R.Ruiz dh	4	3	3	1
C.Pena 1b	2	2	1	3	Barajs c	4	1	2	4
Burrell dh	5	0	2	2	Snider rf	3	1	0	0
Zaun c	5	0	2	2	JBautst 3b	4	0	1	0
Gross rf	5	1	1	0					
BUpton cf	4	1	2	0					
Totals	**39**	**12**	**15**	**11**	**Totals**	**35**	**7**	**9**	**6**

Tampa Bay 300 320 103—12
Toronto 051 000 010— 7

E—Bartlett 2 (14), Snider (3). DP—Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 2. LOB—Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 4. 2B—Zobrist (18), Gross (15), B.Upton (28). HR—Zobrist (23), C.Pena (35), R.Ruiz (4), Barajas (12). SB—Scutaro (9). SF—C.Pena.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Niemann W,12-5	6⅓	8	6	5	3	3
Choate H,6	⅔	0	0	0	0	0
Wheeler H,14	1	1	1	1	0	2
Springer	1	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Halladay L,13-7	6	12	8	7	1	8
League	2	1	1	1	1	1
Camp	1	2	3	3	2	0

PB—Barajas. T—2:52. A—17,184 (49,539).

Red Sox 12, White Sox 8

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Pdsdnk cf	4	2	2	1	Ellsury cf	5	2	2	1
Bckhm 3b	5	1	1	2	Pedroia 2b	4	0	3	2
Dye rf	4	0	0	0	VMrtnz c	4	1	0	0
Thome dh	4	1	0	0	Youkils 1b	4	1	2	1
Konerk 1b	2	2	1	3	D.Ortiz dh	5	1	0	0
Quentin lf	4	1	0	0	Bay lf	4	2	1	1
Przyns c	4	1	3	1	Lowell 3b	4	1	1	3
AlRmrz ss	3	0	1	1	J.Drew rf	3	1	1	1
J.Nix 2b	3	0	0	0	AlGnzlz ss	4	3	3	0
Kotsay ph	1	0	0	0					
Lillirdg 2b	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**34**	**8**	**8**	**8**	**Totals**	**37**	**12**	**13**	**9**

Chicago 022 030 010— 8
Boston 016 200 30x—12

E—Contreras (3), J.Nix (10), Buchholz (1). LOB—Chicago 7, Boston 6. 2B—Pierzynski 2 (19), Ellsbury (21), Pedroia 2 (40), Ale.Gonzalez (2). 3B—Ellsbury (7). HR—Beckham (8), Konerko (23), Lowell (16), J.Drew (16). SB—Podsednik (21), Pedroia (17). CS—J.Drew (4). SF—Al.Ramirez, Pedroia.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Contreras L,5-12	2⅔	4	7	1	3	1
Carrasco	3	5	2	2	0	0
Williams	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Dotel	1	4	3	3	0	1
T.Pena	1	0	0	0	0	1
Boston						
Buchholz	4⅔	6	7	7	3	3
R.Ramirez W,7-3	1⅔	0	0	0	2	1
Okajima H,23	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
D.Bard H,7	1⅓	2	1	1	0	1
Papelbon	1	0	0	0	1	2

HBP—by Contreras (Youkilis), by D.Bard (Konerko). WP—Contreras 2. Balk—R.Ramirez. T—3:42. A—37,812 (37,373).

CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

The Kansas City Royals' Yuniesky Betancourt is caught in a rundown after being caught off first as Cleveland Indians shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera looks to throw the ball to first during the seventh inning Monday in Kansas City, Mo. Betancourt was out on the play. The Indians beat the Royals 10-6.

Twins 2, Orioles 1

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
BRorts 2b	4	0	1	1	Span lf	2	1	2	0
Clzturs ss	3	0	0	0	OCarer ss	4	0	1	0
Scott dh	4	0	1	0	Mauer c	4	0	0	0
Markks rf	3	0	0	0	Mornea 1b	2	0	0	0
Reimld lf	3	0	0	0	Kubel dh	3	0	0	1
Wieters c	4	0	1	0	Cuddyr rf	3	0	0	0
Mora 3b	3	0	0	0	BHarrs 3b	2	0	1	0
Aubrey 1b	2	1	1	0	Gomez cf	2	0	0	0
Wggntn ph-1b	1	0	0	0	ACasill 2b	3	1	2	0
Pie cf	3	0	0	0					
Totals	**30**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**Totals**	**25**	**2**	**6**	**1**

Baltimore 001 000 000—1
Minnesota 000 002 00x—2

DP—Baltimore 3. LOB—Baltimore 5, Minnesota 6. 2B—B.Roberts (48). 3B—A.Casilla (3). SB—O.Cabrera (12). CS—C.Izturis (3). S—Gomez. SF—Kubel.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Tillman L,1-2	5⅓	6	2	2	3	1
Hendrickson	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Meredith	1	0	0	0	2	0
C.Ray	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
S.Baker W,12-7	7	4	1	1	1	5
Mijares H,19	1	0	0	0	0	1
Nathan S,39⅚	1	0	0	0	2	3

WP—Tillman. T—2:38. A—20,271 (46,632).

Indians 10, Royals 6

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Sizemr cf	4	1	0	0	DeJess lf	4	1	2	0
ACarer ss	5	2	2	2	Blmqst rf	4	0	1	0
Choo rf	5	2	3	0	Butler 1b	4	0	0	1
JhPerlt 3b	4	0	2	0	B.Pena dh	3	1	0	0
JCarrll pr-3b	1	1	0	0	Callasp 2b	4	1	1	0
Hafner dh	5	2	3	4	Teahen 3b	4	2	2	1
Valuen 2b	3	1	1	3	J.Buck c	3	1	1	2
Shppch c	3	0	0	0	Maier cf	2	0	0	0
LaPort lf	4	0	1	0	YBtncr ss	3	0	2	2
AMarte 1b	4	1	2	0					
Totals	**38**	**10**	**14**	**9**	**Totals**	**31**	**6**	**9**	**6**

Cleveland 000 301 033—10
Kansas City 000 040 110— 6

DP—Cleveland 1, Kansas City 3. LOB—Cleveland 4, Kansas City 4. 2B—A.Cabrera (31), Jh.Peralta (28), Hafner (15), A.Marte (2), J.Buck (7). 3B—Choo (5). HR—Hafner (13), Valbuena (8). CS—Y.Betancourt (3). S—Maier 2. SF—Y.Betancourt.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Sowers W,5-9	7	6	5	5	2	2
Todd H,1	1	2	1	1	0	0
K.Wood	1	1	0	0	1	1
Kansas City						
Meche	7	8	4	4	2	3
Soria L,3-2 BS,3-23	⅔	3	3	3	0	0
J.Wright	⅓	1	2	2	1	0
Bale	1	2	1	1	0	1

J.Wright pitched to 2 batters in the 9th. WP—Todd. T—3:04. A—11,101 (38,177).

Tigers 10, Angels 7

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Grndrs cf	3	1	1	1	Figgins 3b	5	1	2	0
Polanc 2b	5	2	2	1	BAreu rf	4	2	2	3
Ordonz rf	2	1	1	0	TrHntr cf	5	0	3	1
Thoms pr-rf	1	0	0	0	Guerrr dh	4	0	1	0
MiCarr 1b	5	2	3	5	JRiver lf	5	1	0	0
A.Huff dh	5	1	0	0	KMorls 1b	5	1	2	1
CGuilln lf	4	1	2	3	MIzturs 2b	5	1	2	1
Raburn lf	1	0	0	0	Napoli c	4	0	1	0
Inge 3b	5	1	1	0	EAyar ss	3	1	2	1
Laird c	5	0	1	0					
Santiag ss	3	1	1	0					
Totals	**39**	**10**	**12**	**10**	**Totals**	**40**	**7**	**15**	**7**

Detroit 100 027 000—10
Los Angeles 000 004 030— 7

E—Napoli (5). DP—Detroit 2. LOB—Detroit 7, Los Angeles 10. 2B—Mi.Cabrera 2 (28), Tor.Hunter (21), Guerrero (11), K.Morales (32). HR—Mi.Cabrera (26), C.Guillen (6), B.Abreu (12). SB—Laird (3), Tor.Hunter (15). CS—K.Morales (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Verlander W,14-7	5⅔	10	4	4	2	7
Seay	⅓	0	0	0	1	1
Lyon	1⅔	5	3	3	1	2
Rodney S,27-28	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2
Los Angeles						
Jer.Weaver L,13-5	5⅓	8	5	5	2	2
Oliver	0	1	1	1	0	0
Arredondo	⅔	3	4	4	1	1
R.Rodriguez	⅔	0	0	0	0	0
Palmer	2⅓	0	0	0	1	1

Oliver pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. Seay pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. HBP—by Jer.Weaver (Santiago). WP—Arredondo. T—3:34. A—38,421 (45,257).

Mariners 3, Athletics 1

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Kenndy 3b	3	0	1	0	FGtrrz cf	4	0	3	0
M.Ellis 2b	4	1	0	0	Branyn 1b	5	0	0	0
Hairstn lf	4	0	0	0	JoLopz 2b	3	2	2	1
Cust rf	4	0	2	0	GrffyJr dh	3	1	2	2
KSuzuk c	4	0	1	1	Hall rf	3	0	1	0
RSwny cf	4	0	0	0	Johjim c	4	0	0	0
Powell dh	4	0	0	0	Hannhn 3b	3	0	0	0
DBartn 1b	2	0	1	0	JaWlsn ss	4	0	0	0
Pnngtn ss	3	0	0	0	MSndrs lf	3	0	1	0
Totals	**32**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**	**32**	**3**	**9**	**3**

Oakland 000 001 000—1
Seattle 001 020 00x—3

DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Oakland 6, Seattle 11. 2B—Cust (13), Jo.Lopez (33). HR—Jo.Lopez (18), Griffey Jr. (14).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Mazzaro L,4-9	5	5	3	3	4	4
Gray	1⅔	3	0	0	0	0
J.Marshall	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Seattle						
Snell W,2-1	6	4	1	1	2	2
White H,14	2	0	0	0	0	1
Aardsma S,29-33	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Mazzaro (Griffey Jr., Jo.Lopez). WP—Snell. T—2:33. A—21,056 (47,878).

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	72	50	.590	—
Atlanta	66	58	.532	7
Florida	65	59	.524	8
New York	57	68	.456	16½
Washington	44	81	.352	29½
Central Division				
St. Louis	72	54	.571	—
Chicago	62	60	.508	8
Houston	61	63	.492	10
Milwaukee	61	63	.492	10
Cincinnati	52	71	.423	18½
Pittsburgh	51	71	.418	19
West Division				
Los Angeles	74	51	.592	—
Colorado	71	54	.568	3
San Francisco	67	58	.536	7
Arizona	55	70	.440	19
San Diego	52	74	.413	22½

Sunday's games

Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Mets 7
Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 1
Atlanta 7, Florida 5
Washington 8, Milwaukee 3
Arizona 7, Houston 5
Colorado 4, San Francisco 2
St. Louis 5, San Diego 2
Chicago Cubs 3, L.A. Dodgers 1

Monday's games

Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Mets 2
Milwaukee 7, Washington 1
Colorado 6, San Francisco 4, 14 innings

Tuesday's games

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
N.Y. Mets at Florida
San Diego at Atlanta
Cincinnati at Milwaukee
Washington at Chicago Cubs
Houston at St. Louis
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado
Arizona at San Francisco

Wednesday's games

Philadelphia (Hamels 7-8) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 7-7)
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 9-8) at Florida (Jo. Johnson 12-3)
San Diego (Stauffer 1-6) at Atlanta (Kawakami 6-9)
Cincinnati (Maloney 0-2) at Milwaukee (Looper 11-6)
Washington (J.Martin 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Harden 8-7)
Houston (Oswalt 7-4) at St. Louis (Pineiro 12-9)
L.A. Dodgers (Wolf 8-6) at Colorado (Fogg 0-1)
Arizona (D.Davis 7-11) at San Francisco (J.Sanchez 6-10)

Monday
Phillies 6, Mets 2

Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Victorn cf	3	1	1	0	Pagan cf	4	1	1	0
Werth rf	2	1	0	0	LCastill 2b	4	0	0	0
Utley 2b	4	2	1	0	Sheffild lf	4	1	2	0
Howard 1b	5	2	2	5	Tatis 3b	3	0	0	1
Ibanez lf	5	0	2	1	DnMrp 1b	4	0	1	0
P.Feliz 3b	4	0	0	0	Santos c	3	0	0	0
Brntltt ss	4	0	1	0	Sullivn rf	3	0	1	0
Rollins ph-ss	1	0	0	0	AHrndz ss	3	0	1	0
Bako c	4	0	0	0	Parnell p	1	0	0	0
Cl.Lee p	3	0	0	0	WValdz ph	1	0	0	0
BFrncs ph	1	0	0	0	Takhsh p	0	0	0	0
Park p	0	0	0	0	Dessns p	0	0	0	0
Lidge p	0	0	0	0	Wagner p	0	0	0	0
					Reed ph	1	0	0	0
					Felicin p	0	0	0	0
					Stokes p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**6**	**7**	**6**	**Totals**	**31**	**2**	**6**	**1**

Philadelphia 302 000 001—6
New York 200 000 000—2

E—Utley 2 (10), Sheffield (2), Tatis (2), Santos (3). DP—Phil. 1. LOB—Phil. 11, New York 3. 2B—Utley (23), Ibanez (27), Dan. Murphy (25), A.Hernandez (12). 3B—Sheffield (2). HR—Howard 2 (34). SB—Victorino 2 (20). CS—Pagan (5). SF—Tatis.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Cl.Lee W,5-0	7	6	2	0	0	5
Park H,8	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lidge	1	0	0	0	0	0
New York						
Parnell L,3-6	5	4	5	5	3	3
Takahashi	1⅓	1	0	0	2	2
Dessens	⅔	0	0	0	0	0
Wagner	1	0	0	0	1	2
Feliciano	⅓	2	1	1	0	1
Stokes	⅔	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Parnell (Victorino). WP—Cl.Lee. T—3:05. A—39,336 (41,800).

Brewers 7, Nationals 1

Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi	Washington	ab	r	h	bi
FLopez 2b	4	0	1	1	Morgan cf	4	0	0	0
Catlntt rf	4	1	1	0	Sosa p	0	0	0	0
CVargs p	0	0	0	0	MacDgl p	0	0	0	0
Iriarrn ph	1	0	0	0	Morse ph	1	0	1	0
Wethrs p	0	0	0	0	CGzmn ss	5	0	1	0
Stetter p	0	0	0	0	Zmrmn 3b	3	0	0	0
Braun lf	5	1	1	2	Dunn 1b	3	0	0	0
Fielder 1b	4	1	2	0	Wlngh rf	4	0	0	0
McGeh 3b	4	1	1	0	WHarrs lf-cf	3	1	2	0
MCmrn cf	3	1	0	0	AlGnzlz 2b	3	0	0	0
Kendall c	4	1	1	1	Villone p	0	0	0	0
Gallard p	2	0	0	0	JPadill lf	1	0	0	0
Gerut ph-rf	2	1	2	3	Nieves c	4	0	1	1
AEscor ss	4	0	1	0	Balestr p	1	0	0	0
					Brgmn p	0	0	0	0
					Bellird 2b	1	0	1	0
Totals	**37**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**Totals**	**33**	**1**	**6**	**1**

Milwaukee 000 006 010—7
Washington 010 000 000—1

E—McGehee (11). DP—Milwaukee 1. LOB—Milwaukee 7, Washington 11. 2B—Catalanotto (5), C.Guzman (21), W.Harris (14). HR—Braun (27), Gerut (5). SB—Zimmerman (2), Nieves (1). S—Balester.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Gallardo W,12-10	5	4	1	1	4	8
C.Vargas	2	1	0	0	0	1
Weathers	1	0	0	0	0	2
Stetter	1	1	0	0	1	0
Washington						
Balester L,1-4	5	5	4	4	3	6
Bergmann	0	1	2	2	1	0
Villone	1⅓	2	0	0	0	2
Sosa	1⅔	2	1	1	0	3
MacDougal	1	0	0	0	0	2

Balester pitched to 4 batters in the 6th. Bergmann pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. WP—Gallardo, Bergmann. T—3:11. A—17,805 (41,888).

Rockies 6, Giants 4 (14)

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Colorado	ab	r	h	bi
Velez 2b	7	2	3	2	Fowler cf	6	1	0	0
Winn lf	5	0	2	0	Barmes 2b	5	0	0	0
Sandovl 3b	1	0	0	1	Helton 1b	2	0	1	1
Uribe 3b	4	0	0	1	CGnzlz pr-lf	1	0	0	0
BMolin c	4	0	1	0	Iannett ph	1	1	1	0
Linccm pr	0	0	0	0	Tlwtzk ss	6	1	1	0
Whitsd c	1	0	0	0	Hawpe rf	4	0	2	0
Schrhlt rf	6	0	0	0	Daley p	0	0	0	0
Garko 1b	4	0	1	0	Beimel p	0	0	0	0
JMrtnz pr	0	0	0	0	Quntnll ph	1	0	0	0
Howry p	0	0	0	0	Eaton p	0	1	0	1
BrWlsn p	1	0	0	0	Splrghs lf-rf	7	1	2	4
Meddrs p	1	0	0	0	Stewart 3b	4	0	0	0
JMiller p	0	0	0	0	Torreal c	4	1	2	0
MValdz p	0	0	0	0	Marqus p	2	0	0	0
Rownd cf	6	0	1	0	RBtncr p	0	0	0	0
Renteri ss	6	1	2	0	FMorls p	0	0	0	0
Zito p	2	0	1	0	S.Smith ph	0	0	0	0
FLewis ph	1	0	0	0	Street p	0	0	0	0
Romo p	0	0	0	0	GAtkns 1b	2	0	1	0
Affeldt p	0	0	0	0					
Ishikaw ph-1b	2	1	0	0					
Totals	**51**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**45**	**6**	**10**	**6**

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Colorado 000 010 000 000 05—6

One out when winning run scored. E—Uribe (7), Velez (6). DP—S.F. 3, Colo. 1. LOB—S.F. 13, Colo. 14. 2B—Winn (30), Garko (2). 3B—Velez (2), Renteria (1). HR—Spilborghs (7). SB—Velez 2 (4). S—Torrealba, Marquis. SF—Sandoval.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Zito	6	3	1	0	6	4
Romo	1⅓	0	0	0	1	0
Affeldt	⅔	0	0	0	0	1
Howry	⅓	0	0	0	2	0
Br.Wilson	2⅔	4	0	0	1	3
Medders	2⅓	1	1	1	1	2
J.Miller L,2-3	0	1	3	3	2	0
M.Valdez BS,3-3	0	1	1	1	0	0
Colorado						
Marquis	8	6	1	1	2	5
R.Betancourt	⅔	1	0	0	0	1
F.Morales	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Street	1	0	0	0	0	1
Daley	1⅔	1	0	0	0	1
Beimel	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Eaton W,1-0	2	3	3	3	5	1

J.Miller pitched to 3 batters in the 14th. M.Valdez pitched to 1 batter in the 14th. PB—Torrealba. T—4:57. A—27,670 (50,449).

NL roundup

Spilborghs' slam in 14th lifts Rockies over Giants

The Associated Press

DENVER — Two years ago the Colorado Rockies used an incredible September run to reach the playoffs. This time, they're not waiting until the final two weeks of the season to make their push.

Ryan Spilborghs hit a grand slam in the bottom of the 14th inning, giving the Rockies a come-from-behind 6-4 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Monday night.

In 2007 the Rockies had plenty of dramatic victories on their way to the NL pennant, but Spilborghs thinks this team is better than the squad that reached the World Series.

"This is a different team, this a different atmosphere, 2007, that's gone," he said. "That's not even a thought in this clubhouse anymore. This is a totally different animal."

Spilborghs jumped on reliever Merkin Valdez's 96-mph fastball and sent it into the Colorado bullpen to give the Rockies a four-game lead over the Giants in the NL wild-card race.

"When I was running the bases I was trying to get to my teammates as fast as I could," Spilborghs said.

Colorado won the final three games of the four-game series.

"It's a two-game swing," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said. "They're looking like they're going out of here two back and now they're going home four. That's absolutely huge."

The Giants had taken a 4-1 lead in the top of the 14th on Eugenio Velez's two-run triple and Juan Uribe's groundout.

"I thought I had won the game at the time," Velez said. "I thought we had it won."

Brandon Medders walked Dexter Fowler leading off the bottom half. One out later Justin Miller (2-2) relieved and gave up a one-out single to pinch-hitter Chris Iannetta. He then walked Troy Tulowitzki and Adam Eaton to make it 4-2.

Before he stepped in the batter's box Tracy told Eaton to keep the bat on his shoulder.

"I told him not to swing," Tracy said. "Even if Miller threw three balls down the middle, take the strikeout because I wanted Spilly to get a chance to hit."

Valdez, the Giants' eighth pitcher of the game, came on and Spilborghs homered on a 0-1 pitch.

Eaton (1-0) worked the final two innings to get the victory. He gave up three runs and walked five.

The Rockies had chances in the 10th and 11th innings but couldn't come up with the big hit. Spilborghs grounded into a double play to end the 10th and Clint Barmes flew out to center to end the 11th with runners on first and third.

Brewers 7, Nationals 1: Ryan Braun hit a two-run home run to jump-start a six-run sixth inning, and Milwaukee took three of four from host Washington.

The Brewers sent 11 batters to the plate in the sixth.

Yovani Gallardo (12-10) gave up one run on four hits and four walks in five innings. He struck out eight.

DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Colorado's Ryan Spilborghs circles second base after hitting a walk-off grand slam that gave the Rockies a 6-4 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Monday night in Denver. Colorado increased its lead in the NL wild-card race to four games over San Francisco.

AL roundup

Halladay has worst outing in two years in loss to Rays

The Associated Press

TORONTO — The Tampa Bay Rays have scored seven runs off Roy Halladay before and lost. Not this time.

Carlos Pena and Ben Zobrist each homered and the Rays roughed up Toronto's ace in his worst outing in more than two years, beating the slumping Blue Jays 12-7 on Monday night.

"I can't be more pleased," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "It was just a really gritty, good effort when we needed to do it. It was awesome."

Halladay allowed eight runs — seven earned — in six innings to lose for the third time in five starts against the Rays this season.

"He's arguably the best pitcher in the game," Pena said. "His stuff is nasty. It's very hard to just make contact. It does feel good to be able to come out on top because we know we're going up against the best."

Zobrist finished 3-for-4 with two RBIs and Jason Bartlett had three hits with an RBI, raising his average to .343, and the Rays won for the seventh time in nine games.

The Rays, who came in three games behind Boston in the AL wild-card race, snapped a four-game road losing streak.

Toronto has lost nine of 12 and fell to 3-10 against Tampa Bay this season.

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Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Roy Halladay allowed 12 hits and eight runs in losing for the third time in five starts against the Tampa Bay Rays this season. The Rays beat the Blue Jays 12-7 Monday night.

Rays rookie Jeff Niemann (12-5) allowed six runs — five earned — and eight hits in $6^{1}/_{3}$ innings. He walked three and struck out three to move past Toronto's Ricky Romero for the lead among AL rookies in victories.

Halladay (13-7), who gave up 12 hits, walked one and struck out eight, has lost four of his past six decisions overall. It was his second straight loss, the second time this season he has dropped two straight. The righty was tagged for four runs and eight hits in five innings against Boston last Wednesday.

It was the most earned runs Halladay had allowed since he gave up seven to Tampa Bay on June 5, 2007, a game Toronto won 12-11 thanks to a six-run ninth inning.

Halladay, who sat huddled at his locker with pitching coach Brad Arnsberg as the clubhouse emptied, denied feeling fatigued by a long season and persistent trade rumors leading up to the July 31 deadline.

"It just gets back to making pitches, it really does," he said. "It's that simple. When you don't, they cost you. That's really all I can say."

Red Sox 12, White Sox 8: Jose Contreras' two-out error on a slow roller led to six runs in the third inning and host Boston scored at least 11 runs for the third time in four games.

Mike Lowell and J.D. Drew homered, and Ramon Ramirez (7-3) pitched $1^{2}/_{3}$ innings for the win after starter Clay Buchholz was lifted with two outs in the fifth following Paul Konerko's three-run homer that made it 9-7.

Contreras (5-12) allowed only one earned run but contributed greatly to all seven he allowed in $2^{2}/_{3}$ innings.

Twins 2, Orioles 1: At Minneapolis, Scott Baker allowed a run and four hits over seven innings and Minnesota won its fourth straight.

Jason Kubel drove in the go-ahead run and Alexi Casilla tripled and scored on a wild pitch from Baltimore rookie Chris Tillman (1-2) in the sixth inning.

Indians 10, Royals 6: Travis Hafner and Luis Valbuena each hit three-run homers as Cleveland sent host Kansas City to its fifth straight loss.

Hafner drove in four runs, tacking on an RBI double to help sink the Royals, who took a 5-4 lead in the seventh on Yuniesky Betancourt's sacrifice fly off Jeremy Sowers (5-9).

But Kansas City closer Joakim Soria (3-2) started the eighth and gave up singles to Jhonny Peralta and Hafner before Valbuena hit a 1-1 pitch over the fence in right for a 7-5 lead.

Tigers 10, Angels 7: At Anaheim, Calif., Miguel Cabrera homered and drove in five runs, and Carlos Guillen added a three-run shot for Detroit.

Justin Verlander (14-7) allowed four runs and 10 hits in $5^{2}/_{3}$ innings, struck out seven and walked two. The right-hander was working with a 10-run cushion in the sixth when he gave up four runs and four consecutive two-out hits for the AL Central leaders, who ended a two-game skid.

Mariners 3, Athletics 1: Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 625th career homer and Seattle won the opener of a 10-game homestand.

Jose Lopez hit a solo homer in the third, his career-high 18th, then was plunked on the hip by a fastball from Vin Mazzaro to open the fifth. With the count 1-1, Mazzaro (4-9) tried to sneak a fastball past Griffey.

SPORTS

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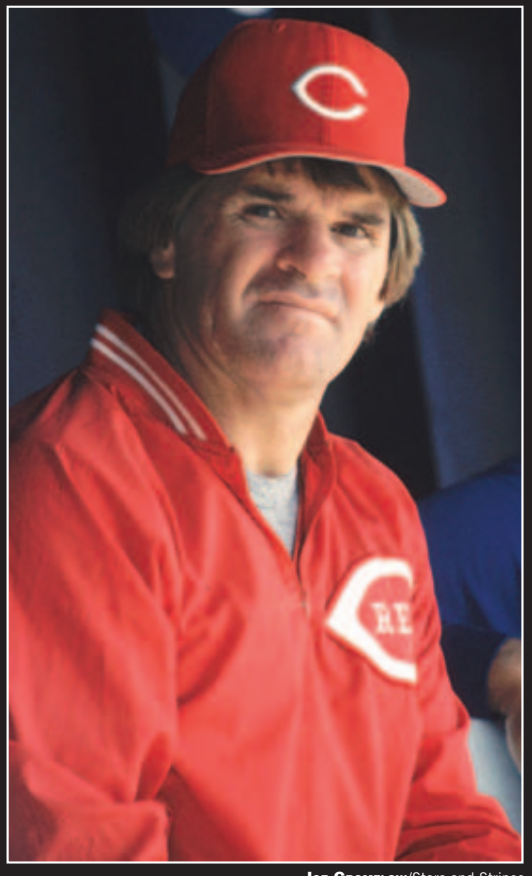
'Twenty years have passed, isn't that enough?'

For Pete's sake

Rose's former teammate Schmidt says it's time to end Charlie Hustle's stay in baseball purgatory



JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

Pete Rose, seen here in 1986 while with the Cincinnati Reds, was banned from baseball 20 years ago this week after evidence showed he had bet on games. In 2004, he finally admitted it was true, in hopes he would one day be forgiven and reinstated. Now, his former Philadelphia Phillies teammate Mike Schmidt argues that the major leagues' career hits leader (4,256) has been punished long enough for his mistakes, and that Rose deserves to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

On Aug. 23, 1989, Pete Rose signed an agreement banning him from baseball. Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt and Rose led the Phillies to the 1980 World Series title. In 2002, Schmidt accompanied Rose to a meeting with commissioner Bud Selig.

BY MIKE SCHMIDT
For The Associated Press

It's been 20 years since Pete Rose was banned for life from baseball by then-commissioner Bart Giamatti. Recently the subject came back to life, recycling the same old issues, without attention to some interesting elements that should be mentioned on the 20th anniversary.

An interesting question was posed to me in a recent interview: Do you think things would have been different if Mr. Giamatti was still alive?

Bart Giamatti, the commissioner on duty in 1989, was in possession of strong evidence that Pete had indeed placed bets on his team. Pete insisted he was being set up and that it could not be factually proven. Armed with secret information from an in-depth investigation, Giamatti diplomatically offered Pete a deal — if Pete would agree to a lifetime ban, baseball would not expose its evidence and Pete could go away quietly.

First, from Pete's perspective as one of baseball's superstars, almost to the point of believing he could beat anything from a traffic ticket to armed robbery, he saw that the agreement offered him an out, the right to apply for reinstatement every year. Why else would he have signed it, why else would he agree to a lifetime ban under any circumstances?

Yes, you, I, and he know he was living a lie at the time. But assuming that burden would eventually get too heavy for him, and then he could appeal to Giamatti. From my perspective looking back, Giamatti was a compassionate man who would have eventually met with him, laid out a lifestyle plan that Pete would follow, and today he'd be a forgiven member of baseball's family. Sounds simple, and it could have been with the right people driving it, led by Giamatti.

From baseball's perspective, putting this to bed was paramount. No telling what would ensue if it was to dig deeper. Arguably its biggest star compromised the integrity of the game. The guy that made the sprint to first on a walk, the headfirst slide, the leader of the Big Red Machine, the '80 Phillies, he played in more winning games than any player in history, he was the all-time hits leader, one of the biggest faces in baseball, and he was now considered a baseball outcast. How dare anyone test the poster hanging on the clubhouse wall, the one warning against gambling? This needed to go away, and it seemed like Mr. Giamatti had a good plan.

No one, however, anticipated the untimely passing of commissioner Giamatti, especially Pete. Before Pete could ever meet with him, appeal to him, come clean and apply for reinstatement, Mr. Giamatti passed away from a heart attack. Baseball lost a great ambassador for sure, and as unimportant as it was at the time, Pete's fate now was in the hands of his successor, Fay Vincent.

Vincent was close to Giamatti and felt Pete's case helped apply immense stress and was a factor in his friend's death. Vincent subsequently upheld the ban

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